

# Blair Co. DHIA

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Aldon-Acres Sky	RH	5-0	16,345	4.3	710
Dawn Baker 157	GH	8-1	21,529	4.0	856
225	RH	6-3	24,074	3.6	860
257	RH	5-4	22,710	4.1	935
337	GH	3-7	21,439	3.7	799
Harry Brubaker Shelly	GH	5-8	16,821	4.2	712
Rodney L. Metzler 23 B	GH	6-11	20,432	3.6	735
101 K	GH	12-10	17,880	4.1	731
26	GH	5-10	17,139	4.8	815
134	GH	5-9	24,873	4.9	1207
35	GH	5-8	19,755	4.5	888
135	GH	3-4	21,574	3.6	783
3	GH	2-4	18,449	4.1	754
Lar Ann Farm Ballet	RH	8-1	24,326	3.8	926
Clover	RH	5-0	21,444	3.9	845
Justice	RH	4-3	20,514	4.0	828
Marie	RH	3-0	18,487	3.9	730
Jerry & Sandy Young 17	GH	8-11	15,704	4.5	702
28	GH	3-4	24,140	3.2	777
Thomas W. Kelly Cora	RH	5-8	20,492	4.4	895
Cleo	RH	4-8	18,782	4.9	921
Dottie	RH	3-3	21,924	3.6	789
Beauty	RH	1-10	16,386	4.4	714
Doris	RH	2-7	19,837	4.0	793

Blanche Pleasant Lawn Farm	RH	2-6	19,756	3.6	706
Karla	RH	5-0	19,700	3.8	752
Julius Replogle Refill	GH	3-10	20,037	3.7	736
Raymond Diebold Aggie	GH	8-5	20,087	3.8	767
Frisky	RH	4-9	21,174	3.6	772
Clover	RH	3-9	17,527	4.4	771
D. & R. Solienberger 23	RH	8-0	19,613	4.4	870
Mark Slagenweit, Jr. Penny	GH	5-2	17,263	5.1	874
County Line Farm 34	GH	4-2	23,389	3.4	791
Charles & Mike Hoover Margo	GH	3-10	19,861	3.7	739
John Keithley 12	RH	4-3	17,698	4.2	739
Richard Heltzel Tiller	RH	4-6	15,808	4.9	769
Harry H. Martin Stubby	GH	9-4	17,072	4.1	700
Penn-England Pam	RH	5-0	18,966	3.8	715
Kristy	RH	4-2	20,438	3.8	776
78	GH	1-11	16,519	4.7	770
E.P. & D.L. Stonerook Bridgit	GH	4-1	19,168	4.5	857
Clair S. Hursh 3	GH	5-0	20,590	3.7	765
55	GH	3-9	20,468	3.6	739

## Bumper crop makes corn marketing a challenge

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Despite heavy rains in some eastern sections of the Corn Belt, USDA predicts farmers will harvest a bumper crop this fall of 7.94 billion bushels. That's up 19 percent from last year's crop, which was severely damaged by drought.

As a result of abundant crop levels, corn prices are expected to average \$2.75 per bushel for the 1981 corn crop. Prices have fluctuated over a 70-cent range during the past 14 months, however, making grain marketing a key element to securing farm profits.

"Last year, farmers were hit by widespread drought, so corn prices were generally higher," explains Robert Wisner, professor of grain marketing at Iowa State University. "But this year the weather has been good, crop levels are high, and corn prices will probably be somewhat lower."

Wisner said, along with this crop outlook, he expects somewhat increased farm profits in last year's drought areas despite lower grain prices and prevailing high interest rates.

This guarded optimism also is shared by agribusiness who profits are closely tied to the money-making ability of farmers.

"High interest rates have been very hard on everyone," explains Dean Moore, co-chairman of Massey-Ferguson's U.S. Dealer Council, representing more than 1,200 MF equipment dealers nationwide. "But with crop levels looking up, we're optimistic that farmers will be able to bounce back."

Wisner emphasizes that with a narrow margin of profitability, it's important for farmers to carefully analyze the grain market. For example, the 70-cent per bushel fluctuation in corn prices since the middle of last summer represents a \$17,000 income difference on 200 acres of 120-bushel per acre corn.

Wisner says a number of factors are causing this price fluctuation. "It appears that in the years ahead, grain will be used as a diplomatic tool," Wisner explains. "The recent Russian wheat embargo is a good example. And as more of our crops go into world trade, the market at home becomes more sensitive to worldwide developments."

While there is nothing the farmer can do to control developments overseas, Wisner says there are steps to avoid selling when the market is at its low end.



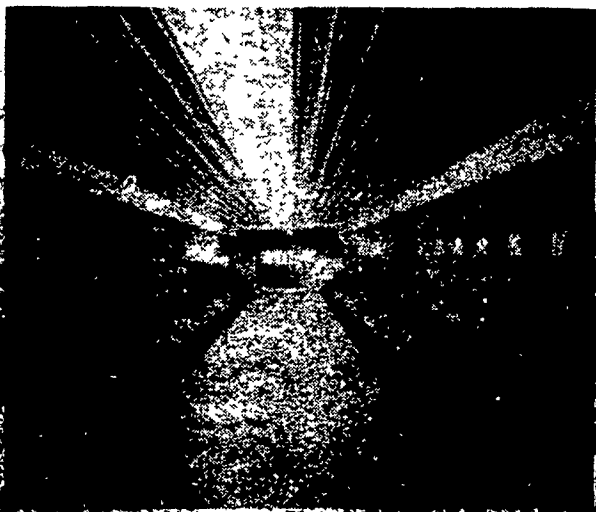
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