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Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 11, 1984—A31

Corn winners

reported in Crawford

MEADVILLE — The 16th Annual Crawford County Corn and Forage Day was held on Tuesday at the Meadville Holiday Inn. This program is sponsored by the Crawford County Extension Office in cooperation with 34 seed, feed, fertilizer, chemical and equipment dealers.

Educational displays showed what is available in supplies and services for local farmers, as well as answering many agronomic questions.

In addition, educational programs were presented throughout the day-long event. Fred Hughes, Penn State Farm Management Specialist, discussed the economic considerations of crop production.

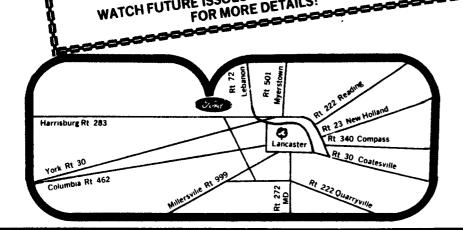
Sprayer operation, calibration, and maintenance was presented by Donald Daum, Penn State Extension Engineer. He stressed the importance of calibrating spraying equipment to be able to know the correct rate of the spray mix to be used on the field to control weeds or insects and having the proper nozzle size and spacing.

Crawford County Agent Joseph Beard was master of ceremonies for the event and presented the recognition awards for the 1983 Five Acre Corn Club participants. The recipients included: Robert Campbell, Saegertown, 151.9 bushels of shelled corn per acre; John Greene, Jr., Springboro, 143.8 bushels of shelled corn per acre with no-till corn; George and Timothy Greig, Linesville, 137.4 bushels of shelled corn per acre; Joe Urbanick, Jr., Conneautville, 133.9 bushels of shelled corn per acre; Joe Livingston, Hartstown, 121.9 bushels of shelled corn per acre; and Robert Infield, Townville, 98.1 bushels of shelled corn per acre. The average costs for producing an acre of corn in Crawford County was \$243.40 or \$1.90 per bushel. For Pennsylvania, the average cost of producing an acre of corn is \$239.22 or \$2.35 per bushel, according to costs accounts of the Five Acre Corn Club participants.

Penn State Extension Agronomist, Joseph McGahen, talked on back to basics in corn production. Farmers must take a close look at such items as short season varieties of corn for our area, the time of planting and seed depth, weed control, soil pH, plant nutrients, disease control and tillage practices. Any one of these factors can limit corn yields.

The highlight of the program was a growers' panel discussing alfalfa, corn and soybean production. These growers told what their successes and pitfalls have been over the years in growing these crops and answered questions from the audience. The panel members were John Tautin, Sr., Conneautville who discussed his alfalfa program; John Greene, Sr., Springboro, who talked in notill vs. conventional production of corn; and Mike Wilcox, Carlton. who reviewed his experiences on producing soybeans.





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