

Members Honored At Awards Banquet January 24



Swine Club award winners are, front row from left: Ben Lazarus, Grant Lazarus, Kristen Haas and Jack Mosser. Second row: Sheri Lazarus, Kurt Haas, Lynn Lazarus, and Rhonda Hartman. Third row: Mark Lazarus, Seth Gruber, Todd Bennecoff, Scott Lazarus and Daniel Hartman.



Beef club award winners are, front row from left, Jason Grim, Shannon Wetzel, Rhonda Hartman, and Debra Krause. Second row, from left: Gavin Grim, Brian Lazarus, Todd Bennecoff and Daniel Hartman.

New Highway Deicer

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — A non-corrosive, environmentally safe compound made from corn may be used to deice highways and secondary roads in the future.

Recently, the National Corn Growers Association provided a \$25,000 grant to the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority for research

designed to determine the economic feasibility of using corn as a feedstock to produce calcium magnesium acetate as a road deicer.

NCGA's vice president of research, Marion Hartman, a corn farmer from Hillsboro, OH, made the presentation to NYSERDA officials in Albany, NY. "While there is on-going research being conducted around the country using CMA as a road deicer, the CMA being used is all petroleum based," says Hartman. "We feel corn can be the feedstock of the future for making CMA, and the \$25,000 investment of corn checkoff funds allows researchers to determine the cost effectiveness of using corn to produce CMA."

Hartman says 100 tons of CMA, produced through this research grant, will be made available to the state corn checkoff boards in the fall of 1987, for distribution to state departments of transportation to conduct tests with the product.

Research continues to grow in the use of CMA by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and transportation departments in several states and Canada.

According to NCGA Research Director Dan Ragsdale, the U.S. Department of Transportation has contracted for 200 tons of CMA and an additional 200 tons of CMA-coated sand granules for testing purposes. Testing will be done on I-280 near Davenport, IA in 1987, in cooperation with the Iowa DOT's Research Lab.

If CMA derived from corn can replace just 10 percent of the highly corrosive, environmentally damaging salt currently used as a road deicer, an additional 60 million bushels of corn would be utilized annually.

Wheat Growers

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Yield production practice to determine what components of this new production system work on their farm. Eleven sponsoring industries are offering 25 percent rebates on products used in MEY production to encourage growers to try this system.

Registration will be limited to the first 2,000 growers. The cost to enter the program is \$45.

The second program is the National Wheat Research Conference to be held in Kansas City, Mo. from Feb. 24-26, 1987. This grower-oriented conference will highlight talks from leading national experts on maximizing wheat production and farm management efficiency. There is probably no better way to learn the latest in competitive growing systems. Registration packets for both events can be obtained by calling 800-543-1500 and asking for the NAWG TEST-20 and NWRC registration information.

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