

## Brook Lawn Tops State In NCGA Contest

LANCASTER — Brook Lawn Farms won first place in the Pennsylvania, irrigated division of the 1986 National Corn Growers Association yield contest. Roy and James Erb earned the honor with DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics hybrid DK636, which yielded 128.33 bushels per acre.

The Erbs planted the field on May 6, 1986, in 32-inch rows at a rate of 27,000 seeds per acre. The crop was harvested on Oct. 10, with a moisture content of 25.9 percent.

In addition to field corn, James and his father, Roy, produce 60 acres of sweet corn, three acres of strawberries and peas, 10 acres of tree fruit and 1.5 acres of pumpkins for their retail roadside market. Roy has been farming for 49 years and Jim for 15 years.

"The Erbs are to be congratulated on their winning yield," says Ed Deane, Corn Product Manager for DeKalb-Pfizer Genetics. "We recognize them as successful producers and

agricultural leaders."

Also earning state honors in Pennsylvania was Kervin Zimmerman of Myerstown, who placed second in the no-till, non-irrigated division with DeKalb-Pfizer hybrid DK656 which yielded 171.05 bushels per acre.

The NCGA has sponsored the yield contest for nearly 30 years. This year's 1,724 completed entries represented 51 seed companies and 215 hybrids. "The main thrust is to encourage development of new and improved management techniques and show the importance of using solid cultural practices in U.S. corn production," explains Larry Rus, Public Relations Director for NCGA.

NCGA is a 19-state commodity organization involved in improving the profitability of corn production through research, market development and government relations programs.

## Soybean Trial Results Announced

NEWARK, Del. — Results of the University of Delaware's 1986 soybean variety performance tests are now available. Trials were conducted last year on 70 varieties and advanced lines being developed by commercial seed companies and public institutions. A report on those results has now been published.

Entries representing three maturity groups were compared with varieties currently being grown in the state. To see how varieties performed on different soil types, tests were conducted at four sites — the university's Research and Education Center near Georgetown, Murray Farms near Selbyville, Fifer Orchards at Woodside and the Kohl Farm near Middletown. Each entry was rated for maturity, height, lodging and

seed quality.

Despite dry periods at all locations, yields were better than expected. The average for entries within each maturity group at each test site provides an indication of overall growing conditions at that location. Since rainfall and other factors varied greatly among test sites last summer, growers are advised to use caution when making yield comparisons between locations or maturity groups. A table showing the three-year (1984-1986) average yields of 29 of these varieties is included in the report.

Copies of "1986 Delaware Soybean Variety Performance Tests" are available from county extension offices in Newark (451-2506), Dover (697-4000) and Georgetown (856-7303).



DeKalb district representative Eugene Hoover (right) congratulates James Erb of Brook Lawn Farms for posting Pennsylvania's top corn yield in the Irrigated division of NCGA contest.



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