

Funk Seeds Wins Development Award

MINNEAPOLIS — In an effort to promote the development of new uses for corn, National Corn Growers Association (NCGA)

annually honors a company or individual for their outstanding contribution to market development.

Funk Seeds International, Bloomington, IL was presented NCGA's Market Development Award at the 1987 Corn Classic Awards Banquet, July 21.

"This year's award is presented for assistance in the development of a concept rather than for a specific new use for corn," said Steve Wentworth, NCGA vice president of market development and a corn grower from Orea, IL.

The co-sponsorship of Funk Seeds International and the NCGA Corn Utilization Project insured the implementation of the first National Corn Utilization Conference. The conference, held this past June 11 & 12, surfaced a high level of interest and motivation on the part of industry, and public and private research institutions. Ideas focused on the value of the corn plant as a domestic renewable

resource in a number of industries. "Development of new uses for our abundant golden grain is the corn market's key to growth and expansion," Wentworth said. "NCGA wants to show our appreciation to those who join us in this endeavor."

Don McGillivray, president of Funk Seeds International, accepted the award for the company.

Grassed Waterways A Must

"Well maintained grassed waterways are a must in controlling erosion on many farms," states Duane Pysher, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS). If you do not have them or if they fail to work properly, all other parts of the erosion control system for your field may fail too.

Inspect waterways and repair damage immediately after heavy rains and spring runoff. Otherwise small gullies may continue to grow and ruin the value of the waterway.

Fields above grassed waterways also contribute to their deterioration if they are farmed so there is excessive erosion. Mow and remove the grass. Tall grass slows the runoff so much that soil eroded

from fields above fills in the center of the waterway this causes the runoff to flow and gouge gullies along the edges.

Raise tillage machinery and shut herbicide sprayers off when they cross waterways. Many waterways are killed by grass herbicides.

Waterways should not be used as field roads. The grass is killed by heavy travel and ruts which form are turned into gullies by heavy runoff.

Fertilize and lime according to the needs of a soil test to maintain plant vigor and growth.

For more information about waterways contact the Soil Conservation Service at the Berks County Agricultural Center located in Bern Township.

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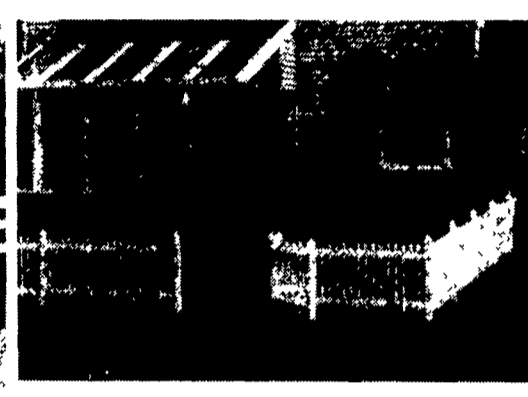
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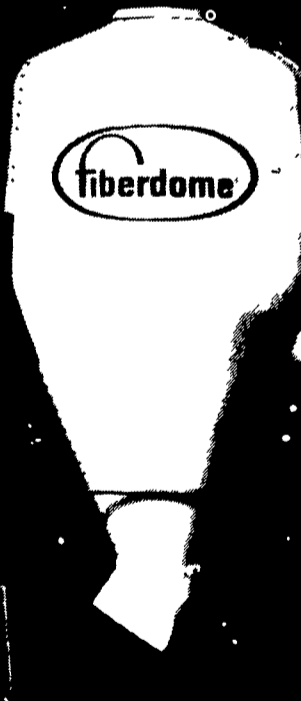
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