

Before you buy seed corn . . .

BETTER CHECK OUR 1989 TRIALS

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I'm **Bill Camerer**, Doebler research director, with first trial results.

If corn yields didn't measure up on your farm this fall, the culprits could have been slugs or seed corn maggots.

Both did a hatchet job on our plots. We counted only 19,805 plants at New Church, Va. and 19,421 at Snow Hill, Md. Many others barely made 20,000.

The cold, wet spring didn't help germination, of course. But bugs really had a field day.

At Jersey Shore, seed corn maggots reduced plant populations in some fields as much as 40%. In fact, Ted Doebler and I were forced to replant 80 acres.

Still, yields in farm strip tests and research plots are better than expected. Here are our preliminary findings:

Silage leaders in first trials

Full Season—A surprise here. In first trials reported this fall, Doebler 84XP even edged tall, rank 944-3 WAY in tonnage. But big 3-way packed the most protein.

Medium—Doebler 75X-MOD, 113 days, again Number One in tonnage column . . . just like '88. Old reliable 75X is first in both TDN and protein. What else.

Early—Doebler 370A-3 WAY will be hard to unseat. This 85-day favorite was runaway winner in 1988 silage trials and is well ahead in first returns this fall.

These shelled big in fall tests

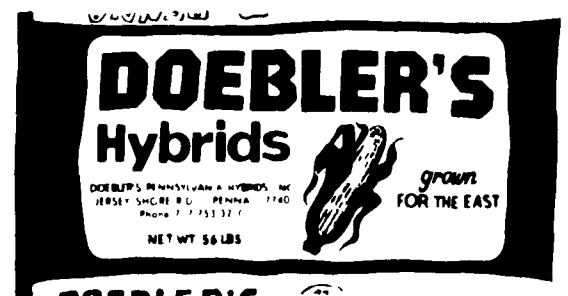
DOEBLER 84XP, 118 days. Looking great in first trial results, with 183 bu. in PA. Why not? This Extra Pizzazz wonder outshelled 75X by 2.7 bu. in '88 faceoffs.

DOEBLER 75X, 113 days. PA champ hasn't lost touch. It's leading pack in half the trials to date. And riding 13.6 bushels above the average. Early best—172.7 bu.

DOEBLER 66XP, 103 days. A super sheller. Doebler's 600 series leader in first strip test results this fall. Shrugs off blight. Easy sheller. Medium height.

DOEBLER 57XP, 97 days. Our strip test yield leader to date among 95-100 day hybrids. But Doebler 54XP, 95 days, a good choice as an early hybrid in full season country.

DOEBLER 35XP, 83 days. What's top pick for early country? That's easy, 35XP. Just not much 33XP seed around. And 35XP is really perking in our first reports.



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LAST CALL — Fall sale ends Nov. 15.