

Doebler's '89 Winners

IT'S OUR 55th SEED CROP

by Ted Doebler



I'm Ted Doebler with our 1989 yield leaders. Not all that bad for a non typical year.

When I tell young folks I helped dad plant our first seed crop 55 years ago, they kind of gape at me like I'm some kind of historic monument.

Those 55 years of experience have paid off big, of course. In the hybrid yields we're showing you here. And in such nitty gritty stuff as test weights, stalk lodging and dry down.

In our business, hybrid performance is our only real measure of progress.

First big breakthrough was Doebler 77X in 1960. It was our first superstar, a single cross that immediately drew raves for its yields and disease resistance.

More recently we introduced Doebler 75X that smashed all

Pennsylvania records in 1986 with a whopping 281.6 bu. It's still a superstar on Eastern farms.

Now here come the Extra Performance hybrids. Like Doebler 84XP. In two years of testing, it produced 2.7 more bushels than 75X but was also 2.3% wetter. And Doebler 66XP edged 75X in 1987, fell behind in 1988 and was about even this past fall. Isn't that what progress is all about?

Silage winners in '89 trials

Full Season—Doebler 944-3 way finished in a rush last fall to take tonnage, TDN and protein titles among full season hybrids. Doebler 84XP a strong second.

Medium—Doebler 75X, 113 days, outdistanced 75X-Mod and 70XC in TDN and protein. Kissing cousin, 75X-Mod, produced most silage. 70XC stayed close.

Early—Doebler 370A-3 way looked the winner in early trials. But Doebler 48XE big surprise. It won it all—tons, TDN and protein. 370A-3 way and 35XP tie for 2nd.

These bin busters ignore '89 weather

DOEBLER 86XA, 119 days. Wet feet no problem. Ten best tests averaged 171.6 bu., with 202.9 bu. at Narvon, PA. Great standup.

DOEBLER 75X, 113 days. PA's all-time champ still shelling big. It popped 197.5 bu. in wet, cool Ohio and 183.7 bu. at Lancaster. Great stalks. Shrugs off disease.

DOEBLER 66XP, 103 days. It wins top recommendation from Cornell for spring planting. Super vigor. Easy sheller. Resists blight.

DOEBLER 57XP, 97 days. Combine this baby. It shelled out 184.2 bushels last fall at Newtown, Pa.; 151.9 in New York and 185.5 in Ohio. Sturdy. Super oomph.

DOEBLER 35XP, 83 days. Great choice in early country. Averaged 124.9 bu. in first 10 New York and PA tests in 1989, with a 142.3 bu. top. Less than 1% stalk loss.

DOEBLER 28XP, 78 days. 1989 best, 145.3 bu. at Odessa, NY. Average at five NY locations was 123.8 bu. Stalk loss? A low 1%.



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HYBRIDS FOR THE 90'S