1991 Corn Classic Highlights Global Vision

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Growers will get to gaze in the crystal ball of tomorrow's agriculture as Dr. Marvin Cetron, identified as one of the world's foremost forecaster-futurists, outlines the changes and opportunities expected in our world's agriculture during the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) 1991 Corn Classic Feb. 20-22 in Kansas City, Mo.

Jack Kintzle, NCGA 1990-1991 President, will open Thursday morning's First General Session, sponsored by DowElanco, with a welcoming president's address. USDA Deputy Secretary Jack Parnell will join Kintzel on the morning's program focusing on "Getting In Tune With the 90's."

The First General Session's keynote speaker, Dr. Cetron, is founder and president of Forecasting International and adds 20 years of career experience in research, development planning and forecasting with the U.S. Navy to his extensive consulting experience with a number of government agencies, foreign governments and industry organizations.

Corn Classic attendance has nearly doubled in the past four years and NCGA's 33rd annual corn industry event is expected to be the largest yet with more than 215 trade show exhibit booths already reserved. Focused on the "Jazzin' It Up in Kansas City" convention theme, the program is designed to get attendees "In Tune with the 90's" with a global look into the future.

For registration information, call NCGA at 314/275-9915 or write 1000 Executive Parkway -Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63141. NCGA has more than 25,000 members in 45 states, including 22 state affiliates.

Test Second Weigh Period Announced

ITHACA, N.Y. — The 95 beef bulls consigned to the 12th annual bull test at the Cornell Teaching & Research Center in Harford, NY, have completed 56 days of the 140-day test.

Despite changeable weather and uneven temperatures, the bulls are doing very well through the 2nd weigh period according to Test Director, William Greene. The 95 bulls average daily gain (ADG) for the 2nd weigh period was 3.74 lbs. This resulted in a cumulative daily gain of 3.76 lbs through the first two weigh periods. The bulls have an average weight per day of age (WPDA) of 3.01 lbs. The 95 bulls from nine breeds represent fifty-seven breeders from throughout the Northeast, as well as one Montana ranch.

The top-gaining bull this period was a Simmental (Test #583) consigned by Shoemaker Simmental, Mann's Choice, PA. This bull has a cumulative ADG of 5.41 lbs. and a WPDA of 3.22 lbs. The fifteen Simmental bulls from 12 consignors averaged 3.88 lbs. daily this period, with a cumulative ADG of 3.90 lbs. and an average WPDA of 3.19 lbs.

The second top-gaining bull is an Angus (#539) with an ADG of 5.66 lbs. This consignment from Kieff/Deerlick Farm, Cape Vincent, NY, has a cumulative ADG of 5.07 lbs. and a WPDA of 2.97 lbs. Twenty-eight Angus bulls representing eleven consignors average 3.73 lbs. at the 2nd weigh report, with a cumulative ADG of 3.82 lbs. and an average WPDA of 2.99 lbs.

Stony Brook Farms, Locke, NY, with a Shorthorn (#515) had the third highest gain for the second period with an ADG of 5.60 lbs., a cumulative gain of 5.39 lbs. and a WPDA of 2.94 lbs. The Shorthorns second period ADG was 4.03 lbs., cumulative gain of 4.02 lbs., and WPDA of 2.96 lbs. on fourteen bulls from seven consignors.

The twenty-one bulls consigned by fourteen Polled Hereford breeders average 3.60 lbs. this period with a cumulative ADG of 3.48 lbs. and a WPDA of 2.97 lbs.

The nine Charolais from six consignors gained 3.62 lbs. for the second period, have a cumulative average of 3.70 lbs. and a WPDA of 3.03 lbs.

Two Homed Herefords gained 3.89 lbs, with a cumulative of 3.20 lbs. and a WPDA of 2.82 lbs. One Limousin had a 2.46 lb. gain for a cululative of 2.63 lbs. and a WPDA of 2.38 lbs. The single Gelbvieh had an ADG of 3.26 lbs., a cumulative ADG of 3.00 lbs. and a WPDA of 2.81 lbs.

There are four Red Angus bulls on test this year; their period gain was 3.58 lbs., cumulative 4.34 lbs., with a WPDA of 3.17 lbs.

Of these 95 bulls, approximately 55 will sell at the New York Bull Test Sale at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 3. The sale is in the Livestock Pavilion on the Cornell University Campus, Ithaca, NY.

The Test is sponsored by Cooperative Extension, Animal Science Dept at Cornell, the NY Beef Cattlemen's Association and NYS Dept of Ag and Markets.

If you would like to receive more information or view the bulls, please contact Bill Greene at 607-255-2856, or write to 130 Morrison Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.





