

# NCGA Applauds Starch-Based Utensil Study

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) said it "applauds McDonald's" for its consideration of starch-based eating utensils.

NCGA, with more than 25,000 members in 45 states, is a leader in promoting new uses for corn products. It has actively worked on behalf of corn starch-based biodegradable plastics.

Pete Wenstrand, a corn grower from Iowa and NCGA's vice president of market development, said the announcement by McDonald's that it is looking into replacing the plastic forks, spoons, and knives with starch-based cutlery that can be composted is encouraging.

"It reflects a willingness on the part of both the company and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to consider the benefits of starch-based biodegradable plastics for composting," Wenstrand said. He noted that NCGA has been a leader in urging greater use of corn-starch based biodegradable products in a growing number of applications.

"This is evidence of the continuing potential of renewable resources such as corn in helping solve a number of environmental problems," he said. "NCGA congratulates McDonald's for its leadership."

# Young Farmers Compete



MERTZTOWN, Berks Co. — Recently, the eastern region of Pennsylvania Young Farmer chapters held their annual volleyball competition at Kutztown Area Senior High School.

The Kutztown Chapter won the first place trophy in the tournament and Tulpehocken Chapter won the second place trophy. The trophies were donated by Sire Power. The refreshments afterward were donated by Pioneer Seed. Pictured are most of the players from the Kutztown Young Farmer Chapter with the first place trophy. Back row, left to right, Ken Sanner, Gary Heffner, Don Lorish, Kevin Kulp, John Stutzman, Keith Filcker, and David Schantz. Front row, left to right, Bill Boyd, Robert Tercha, John Mertz, and Dan Lynch.

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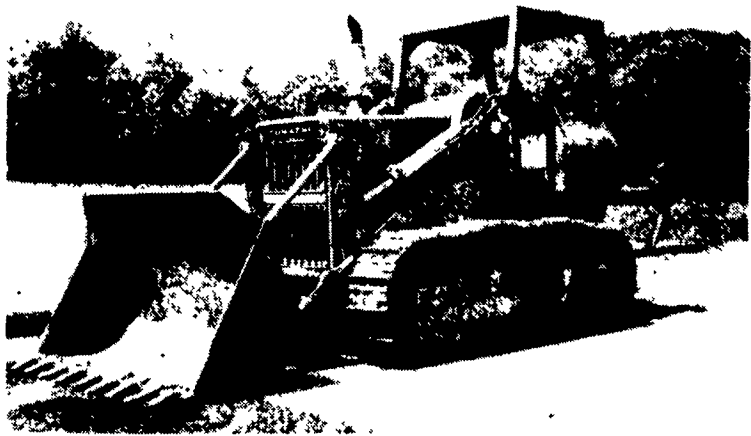
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