

Mercer Corn Day Held

MERCER (Mercer Co.)— The annual Mercer County Corn Day was recently held at the Mercer County Vo-Tech School, Rt. 19 north of Mercer. This education program was sponsored by Mercer County Seed and Fertilizer dealers.

Dr. Patrick Lipps, Plant Pathologist, Ohio State University, was guest speaker for the General Session. Lipps' topic was "Diseases of Corn". He stressed strongly that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. When it comes to corn diseases there are a few things we can do, these are the most important decisions you make before planting your corn crop to maintain disease control: Crop Rotation, Plow-Down Infected Residues, and Plant Resistant Hybrids or Varieties. Some of the diseases we are having problems with today are: Stalk Rot (Gibberella), Northern Leaf Blight, Gibberella Ear Rot, Stew-

art Bacterial Leaf Blight. A major yield loss of corn production may be attributed to Stalk Rot, to maintain control of this disease, you should select well adapted hybrid seed for your area with leaf blight resistance, attain fertile ground (N-K), maintain insect control, till to bury residues and to continually rotate crops.

Many of the dealers had displays with available literature. (Doebler's Hybrid, Beachlay-Hardy Seed, Andover Crop Service, Agricultural Soil Conservation Service, Hoopes Fertilizer, Muncey Chief, Hybrid Seed, NC+, Pennsylvania Crop Management Assoc., Cargill Hybrid Seed, Lakeview Fertilizer, Ciba-Giegy Seed, Wilclan Farm Systems, Farm Credit Service, Wetsel Seed Co., Northrup King Seed & Service, and Pioneer Hi-Bred.)

Break out sessions were held following the general session which consisted of: "Comparing



Dr. Patrick Lipps, Plant Pathologist, Ohio State University

"Fertilizer Materials", Dr. Doug Beegle, Extension Agronomist, Penn State; "Troubleshooting Corn Production Problems", Dr. Gregory Roth, Extension Agronomist, Penn State; "Conservation Tillage", Mr. Lynn Hoffman, Extension Agronomist, Penn State.

Presenting the Five-Acre Corn Club Awards was Tom Zundel, Extension Agent/crops. Several Mercer County farmers received this award:

Charles Sump, 100-124 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested.

Roy Wimer, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested.

Art Schultz, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested.

Albert Lengel, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested.

John Courtney, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested; 100-124 bushel- 3 yr. avg. Ear Corn- Hand Harvested.

Mike Wilcox, 125-149 bushel, Shelled Corn- 3 acres+; 125-149



Dr. Patrick Lipps and Lynn Hoffman Extension Agronomist, Penn State



Lynn Hoffman and Tom Shaffer, Stoneboro-farmer



Tom Zundel and Pete Lelse, Hunting Valley Farm



Tom Zundel and Charles Sump



Tom Zundel and John Courtney



Tom Zundel and John McDowell, McDowell Farms

bushel- 3 yr. avg. Shelled Corn-3 acres+.

Gadsby Farm, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn- Hand Harvested; 125-149 bushel- 3 yr. avg. Ear Corn- Hand Harvested.

George & Robert Gregg, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested, 125-149 bushel- 3 yr. avg. Ear Corn-Hand Harvested.

McDowell Farms, 125-149 bushel, Shelled Corn -3 acres+ 150-174 bushel shelled Corn- 3 acres+.

Hunting Valley Farm, 125-149 bushel, Ear Corn-Hand Harvested, 20-25 ton, Corn Silage.

The Program was attended by 205 area farmers.

Adams Co. Membership Campaign Begins

CHAMBERSBURG (Adams Co.) — "The 1991-92 membership campaign has begun with a bang," said co-chairman of the Adams County Farmers' Association membership campaign, John Hess of Gettysburg. At a recent checkup meeting, the total memberships collected to date has increased over last year's amount by nearly 15 percent.

"The farming community realizes that we need to get back to the grassroots, to the solid rock foundation of our peers and those that were leaders before us. Hence, membership in an organization such as ACFA is so important in these times of recession," said co-chairman Elmer Smith of New Oxford.

The Adams County Farmers' Association is a general farm organization with 820 members to date. It is affiliated with the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

The membership campaign co-chairmen Hess and Smith urged their team captains and workers to contact every farm family in the county for membership in the local association to reach this year's goal of 868.

"Membership is the lifeblood of the organization," said President Dave Wenk. "The membership is responsible for the development of local policies which are positions for the lobbying effort by PFA."

The county unit is active in community affairs and works for favorable legislation for the rural community. It also offers business services to its member families.

In addition to the collection of

dues, a membership incentive drawing was held at the recent checkup meeting. The winners of cash awards are \$75 to Randy and Ricky Kime; \$50 to Michael Sharer; and \$25 to W.D. Wentzel. Each winner will receive his award at the annual spring meeting to be held on March 9 at the Mt. Joy Parish House. Any member in the association was eligible

for the drawing as long as their dues were in the hands of the membership processor or team captain/worker by December 31, 1991.

Anyone interested in learning more about the association should contact President Dave Wenk at (717) 677-9553 or John Hess, at (717) 334-8553.

So You Want To Sell The Farm?

WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co.) — On March 17, at 7:30 p.m., Lycoming County will conduct a workshop for those individuals thinking about selling their farm.

The session will be held at the Montoursville Presbyterian Church (located north of Broad Street from the Weis Market at the corner of Elm and Walnut Streets). According to Lehan Power, farm management agent for Penn State, this educational program will be for those farmers that are thinking about selling all or part of the farm.

Power stated that many farmers might not be selling the entire farm, just their loose property and cattle and holding onto the ground. Others may be selling off just part of the farm or a few

building lots. This meeting will cover various ways of selling the farm.

The topics covered will include capital gains, establishing basis, installment sales, land contract, owner financing, sales within the family, depreciation recapture on personal and real property and tax planning when selling a farm.

This meeting, according to Power, is being held at this time of year so that farmers thinking about selling this year can still do some tax planning for the 1992 tax year.

Time will be spend on sales and farm transfers within the family. Can you transfer the family farm for one dollar? Should you? Should you sell or transfer the farm during your life or pass it on to the next generation via a will?

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