



**PENNSYLVANIA MASTER  
CORN GROWERS  
ASSOCIATION**

President's Message

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Dear Pennsylvania Corn Grower:

Greetings from the directors and staff of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA).

This is the first issue of our Corn Talk Newsletter to be published by *Lancaster Farming*, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship in providing PMCGA members with the most up to date information concerning emerging technologies in corn production and utilization.

PMCGA endeavors to network best management ideas among corn producers, researchers, and industry. This occurs in response to your (and our) assessment of production problems and utilization requirements.

PMCGA seeks to meet these goals through various means. PMCGA sponsors a 5 Acre Corn Club with the help of cooperative extension county agents.

Corn growers compete first on a countywide basis, then statewide champions are determined as county results are submitted. Members can also enter the national corn yield contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association of which we are affiliated.

A lot of useful information can be gleaned from these corn club reports which are sent to members. PMCGA also works closely with Penn State in evaluating corn hybrid performance for grain and silage in the commercial corn hybrid test plots each growing season. Hybrid corn performance results are published for each of the four corn maturity zones in Pennsylvania and are sent to all PMCGA members in mid-winter.

PMCGA also sponsors the annual Pennsylvania Corn Conference. This is a one-day intensive training type meeting addressing timely topics in production, marketing, and utilization. This year's conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Middlesex, Mercer County on March 2.

Members also receive association newsletters. These include Corn Talk, our state newsletter; Corn Grower, the national newsletter; and Corn Farmer, a publication of Successful Farming Magazine. These publications keep us abreast of what's happening in the field, research, and legislation and aid us in providing input in these areas of concern. We also have corn enterprise budget worksheets, available on request. This corn budget is now available for use on computer.

This year we had a display at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, highlighting how corn and corn products effect our lives. We also have a stand at Ag Progress Days in the Crops Tent during mid-August.

I think that is about enough of an introduction to PMCGA. I hope talking about corn will motivate you to go out, heat up the shop, and give your corn planter a close going over and to finely tune your corn enterprise by selecting the best seed, fertilizer, and pesticides for your operation to grow corn this year. If you get excited about corn production like I do, join with us for more profitable corn production in the future.

Sincerely,

**H. Grant Troop**  
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