



## Late Planting Should Not Affect Yield Contest

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — With a delay in the planting season because of excessive rain this spring, it should be an interesting year for the National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC), being sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

Most farmers in the concentrated corn growing areas were forced to plant late because of constant wet weather. This may put U.S. farmers on a level playing field when it comes to corn yields and winning an award in the NCYC.

Plus, the contest rules have changed slightly, providing the opportunity for more farmers to win than ever before. The rules now allow one national and state trophy per entrant.

NCYC Advisory Committee Chairman Daryl Reid, a corn grower from Macomb, Ill., expects the competition to be just as keen as in past years when NCYC contest participants have had the best yields in the nation.

"Each year we strive to make the contest better and more fair to all farmers, hopefully increasing participation. Our mission is to enhance corn profitability. The more entrants there are, the more information we have in the Corn Yield

Guide to share with growers. The Guide, sponsored by American Cyanamid Company, Deere and Company and Northrup King Co., lists the production inputs and practices of all winners for everybody to compare," said Reid.

Contest rules with entry and harvest forms are available to all interesting corn growers by calling NCGA at (314) 275-9915. The final deadline for entries is August 1, with a \$70 fee. All entrants must be NCGA members and enter a field of at least 10 acres.

There are seven classes within the contest: Class AA non-irrigated (fields located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wis-

consin), Class A non-irrigated (fields located in the remaining 41 continental states), no-till irrigated, no-till non-irrigated, irrigated, ridge-till non-irrigated, and ridge-till irrigated.

All 1993 NCYC winners will be awarded trophies at the "Circle of Winners" during the upcoming NCGA Corn Classic, February 27 - March 1, 1994 in Denver, Colo. Also, many seed companies are offering outstanding awards, including cash prizes, trips, and a new car.

NCGA urges corn growers to rise to the challenge and be a part of the National Corn Yield Contest. For more details and entry forms, call NCGA at (314) 275-9915.

## Facts About 50 Billion Bushels

In 1993, the United States will export its 50-billionth bushel of corn. If 50-billion bushels of corn were made into cereal flakes, it would make 1.75 trillion one-pound boxes, reports the U.S. Feed Grains Council.

According to the U.S. Feed Grains Council, 50-billion bushels of corn loaded in 100-unit trains would circle the earth's equator seven times, with enough left over to go from San Francisco to Boston and back.

## Corn Tour Featured

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12 inches deep; mix the cores and dry quickly; analyze for Nitrate N; determine sidedress N recommendation.

Samples can be sent to the Penn State lab or a commercial lab, to be analyzed, which will take a few days. There are tests that can be performed right at the farm. This test was demonstrated by Melissa Bravo, from West Branch Crop Management Assn. This test can be performed in a matter of minutes. For more information regarding this test, contact your local Crop Management Assn., or County Extension Office.

Corn Herbicides, by Penn States' Bill Curran, was next on the agenda, showing corn that was treated with various herbicides. A cost of the herbicide programs were mentioned, with weed control cost ranging from 10.00 to over 30.00 per acre.

A kit for testing weeds to determine what herbicide would be the most effective on the farms weed population was also shown, with an explanation on how the test works.

Also on Tour C, was Soybean Row Spacing, with Dr. Elwood Hatley. It was explained that there was 2 fac-

tors that determine row spacing for soybeans, one is the plant type, and the other is the planting date. There should be complete covering of the row by the end of June, which is when the plant starts flowering. Soybeans that are planted in late April, or early June, will flower at the same time, the flowering is controlled by day length. If soybeans are planted in 30 inch rows in late April, they should have a canopy covering by flowering time, but if the soybeans are planted in early June, narrower rows must be used.

There was a round bale demonstration, narrated by Marvin Hall and Lynn Hoffman. The demonstration included round bale wrapping, and ag bag filling, both methods are alternatives for the use of a silo to make silage. Silage that had been made some time ago was shown, with the quality determined.

If anyone would like more information on corn or other crops, pasture management, or anything pertinent that was discussed at the Crop Expo 93, contact your local Penn State Extension office. They offer many informational sheets and booklets on all aspects of farming.

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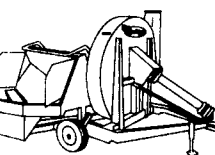
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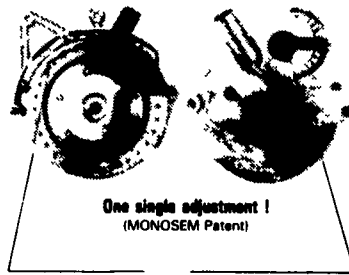
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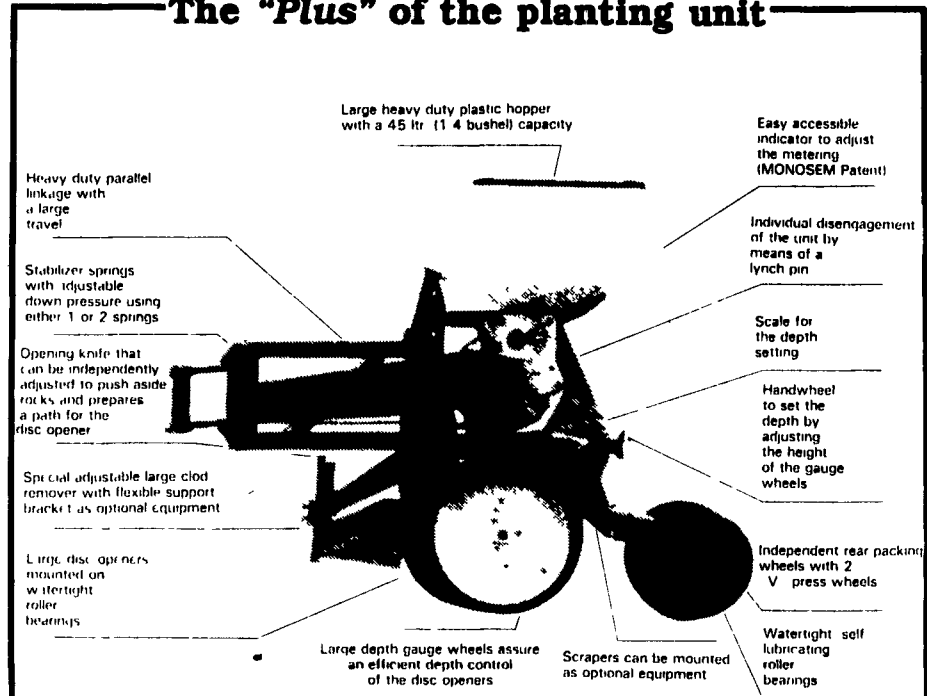
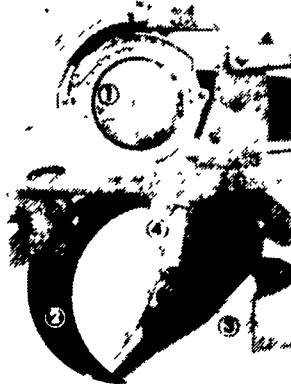
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