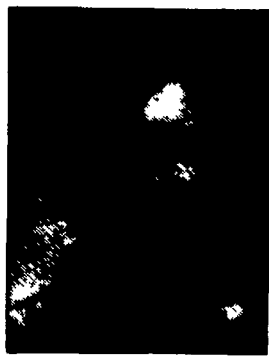


**PENNSYLVANIA MASTER CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION**

*President's Message*

H. Grant Troop  
President, PMCGA



Here we go, double clutching, and finding another gear as we move from silage harvest to grain harvest. Sandwiched between the two is cover crop planting, manure hauling, and small grain establishment.

I've recently visited a good portion of the state and the corn crop still looks quite variable, but on average bigger and earlier than last year. Where yields are highest, rainfalls were most timely.

High yield fields are showing considerable stalk quality problems. Leaf diseases are widespread and European corn borer damage is significant. This coupled with the fact that the corn plant put so much of itself into filling ears has left us with weak stalks susceptible to lodging via stalk rot.

A large number of fields are already exhibiting European corn borer (second generation) damage as stalks are breaking just above or just below the ear. Field harvest losses could be very high if harvest is not timely or a major wind storm hits before harvest.

Soil moisture is adequate to surplus, so we better be ready to drop everything else to get corn out of low lying or poorly drained fields or we may have to wait until the ground freezes.

We've done some yield assessment, especially on silage corn. There are differences and we're working at determining why they occurred and how best to use the information we've gathered.

Hybrid selection seems to be a constant — low-end hybrids are dropped, high yield ones are placed on larger acreages, and new, promising hybrids replace the low-end drops. Finally, we'll look at the "big picture" to try to determine how each management "move" has effected the "chess game" of corn production we are involved in.

I encourage you to join the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association so we can work together for the corn growers and corn users of Pennsylvania. I firmly believe we can give valuable input for your corn production enterprise, and

I am sure we would benefit from your membership involvement.

In the next issue of "Corn Talk," we'll be announcing our new membership program and we'll give more details concerning the 1994 PMCGA Corn Conference scheduled February 4, 1994 at Lancaster Host Resort, along Rt. 30 East of Lancaster, Pa.

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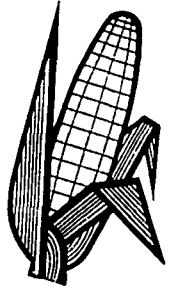
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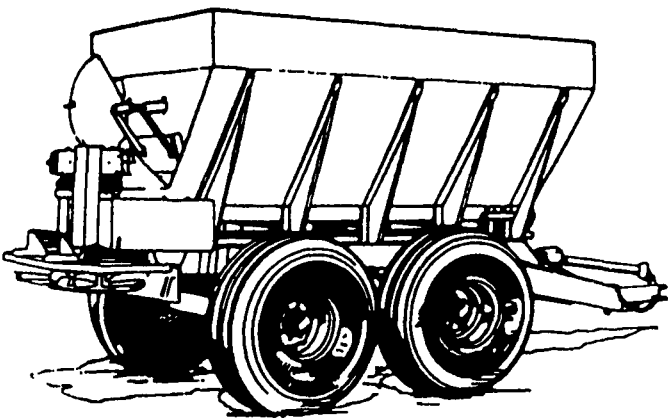
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