

# Corn Growers Need

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U.S.," he said.

To get profitability, said Wagner, "We need corn use. We don't

really care where it's used or what it's used for, we just need uses."

Many products are being made out of corn, which include a winds-



Herman Manbeck, Womelsdorf, right, accepts the first place award in the shelled grain class regular harvest size from Curt Rakestraw, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association.

field washer with the "Bugoff" label; french fries by Wendy's Restaurant, which use 100 percent corn oil; corn sweeteners (53 percent of sweeteners used in the U.S. are corn sweeteners); biodegradable pastics used in fast food packaging; compostable diapers; road construction materials; oil containers; gun targets; plastic bags; razor blade handles; golf tees; ball-point pens; silverware; soap; food texturizers (xanthum gum, used in salad dressing and ice cream); packaging peanuts that dissolve within seconds; Ultralight, a charcoal lighting material; and absorbent products (a pound of a product called Hydrasorb can absorb 1,400 pounds of water in a minute).

Wagner said that a deicer product made of corn "will help us down the road. Environmentalists love all our biodegradables." Also, the corn sweetener industry is booming. One bushel of corn provides enough corn sweetener for 324 cans of soda.

### Clean Water Bill

Agriculture is "in the crosshairs" of a Clean Water Act Reauthorization Bill that may be



Burd W. Schantz, Alburtis, right, accepts the first place ear corn class hand harvest size award at the corn conference from Curt Rakestraw, secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association.

passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton this year, according to a Washington, D.C. representative of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

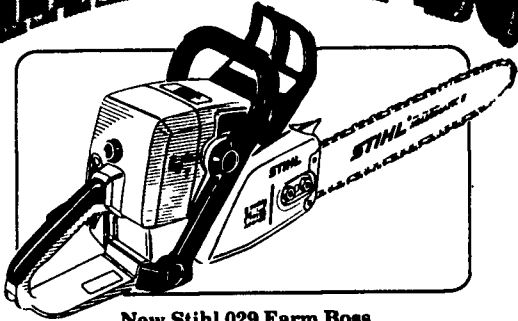
Dave Stawick, NCGA assistant vice president, spoke about the efforts of the NCGA to lobby in behalf of row-crop farmers to ensure that representatives in the U.S. House and Senate who are

debating the bill can understand the farmer's perspective.

Stawick spoke to growers and corn industry representatives at the beginning of the 1994 Pennsylvania Corn Conference last week.

While health care, welfare reform, and tough crime measures are taking up the concerns of the Clinton Administration this election year, the environmental (Turn to Page A33)

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