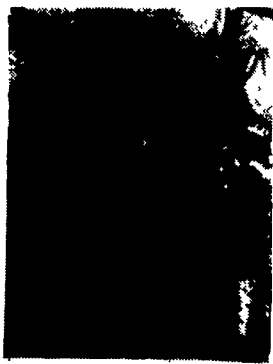


**PENNSYLVANIA MASTER  
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*President's Message*

**Curt Rakestraw  
President, PMCGA**



I don't know about you, but fall is my favorite time of the year. The weather is pleasant with warm days and cool nights. The fall foliage brightens the landscapes but, most importantly for us corn growers, it's harvest time.

If your operation is anything like ours, this year's corn harvest also marks the beginning of the planning stage for next year. As we harvest the crop, we are also analyzing what hybrids we'll continue to plant and which ones we'll discard, which herbicides performed best, and which tillage methods worked best, along with a whole host of other things.

I think two of the things that farmers enjoy most about farming are: 1) being able to actually see a physical product that they have produced and have the satisfaction of knowing they were responsible for doing their part in feeding the

world, and 2) always having the challenge of trying to do better next year whether you're producing corn, milk, hay, or any other farm commodity. This is why harvest time is so enjoyable to me.

When you look at the crop that you've produced with a certain degree of satisfaction, you're already trying to figure what you can do better next year to grow an even bigger crop.

Planning is one of the most important aspects of farming today. You've probably all heard that farmers are the only group that buys retail and sells wholesale. Because farmers can't pass their increased costs on to the consumer, we need to produce our product more efficiently each year. As farmers, we need to gather all the information available in order to make the best possible decision each year.

If you are a corn grower in

Pennsylvania, the PMCGA can provide you with some valuable information that will help you in your operation. If you belong to our organization, you will receive the Penn State corn yield results in the four maturity groups. You will also receive the results of the state and national corn yields contest which include the agronomic practices of the winners. The NCGA also mails out a bi-monthly newsletter which contains a great deal of information.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of Pennsylvania corn growers who are not members of the PMCGA. We would like to change that, and are willing to offer you an incentive to join. Our dues are \$30 a year and \$75 for three years. If you join now, you will receive a free bag of seed corn from a participating dealer of your choice. Dupont will also throw in \$100 worth of Accent.



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For those of you who are already members and renew for three years, you will receive a free bag of seed corn from a participating dealer of your choice.

As of early September, most of the corn in Pennsylvania looks good. The USDA August crop report reflects

this with an estimated yield of 112 bushels per acre. With a little luck and the good Lord's help, you will have a big crop.

We at PMCGA wish you a safe and enjoyable harvest season.

**Curtin R. Rakestraw  
President, PMCGA**

**PMCGA Board  
Elects New Officers**

**ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)** — At the board of directors meeting held recently during Ag Progress Days, the PMCGA board elected three new officers.

Curt Rakestraw, a corn grower from Montoursville, was elected president. Wade Wolfe, a grain and livestock producer from Centre Hall, was elected vice president. Matt Antos, agronomist from Pioneer Hi-bred, was elected

secretary/treasurer.

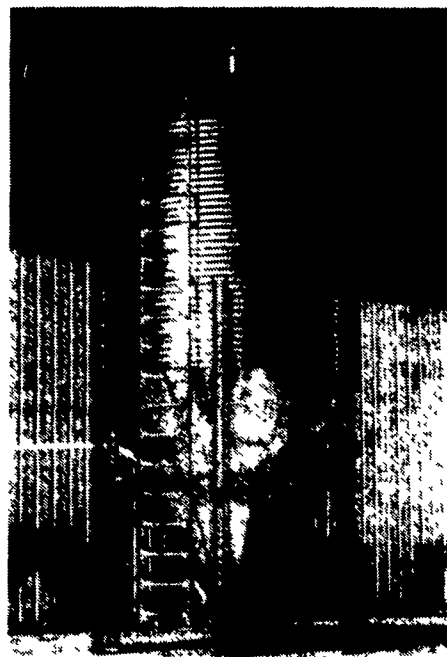
At the meeting, outgoing president Grant Troop was recognized for his efforts in the development of various membership programs that came about during his tenure. Grant will continue to serve on the PMCGA board.

PMCGA members are urged to contact any of the officers if they have comments or questions concerning any activities.



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