

CORN TALK

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For Snook, Standability's Most Important Factor

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JERSEY SHORE (Lycoming Co.) — Some people say it's the rich river bottom soils that allow Ed Snook to take home the first-place ribbons in the Pennsylvania Corn Club's annual production contest. But according to the long-time corn grower and hog farmer, there are many factors that contribute to bumper corn crops.

"In the Five Acre Corn Club, I don't enter the same fields every year. I've had them in the Nippenose Valley on limestone

ground and along the river. It's always pushed up to me that I have pig manure and river field, but we've had the Five Year Corn Club in seven or eight locations and we've won awards on all of them," he said.

In this year's contest, Snook placed first in the three-year average shelled grain class for the regular harvest size. His yield in 1992 was 191.8 bushels per acre. In 1993 he produced 201.6 bushels per acre and in 1994 he produced 194.1 bushels per acre for an average

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One of the main factors Ed Snook looks for when selecting hybrids is standability. Here he examines a plot of corn which was also selected for that factor in a neighbor's field. According to Snook, the neighbor has decided to see just how long these four rows of corn will stand.



Ed Snook checks the moisture of the grain before moving it into storage.

PMCGA Directors Step Down

Greg Roth
Penn State Agronomy
Assistant Professor

Several PMCGA board of director members are stepping down after one or more three-year terms in office. Their contributions and commitment to our organization have contributed considerably to PMCGA.

Steve Mellot, our outgoing vice president from Mercersburg, is stepping down this year after two consecutive terms. Steve has helped to provide leadership to PMCGA over the years and his participation in many of our directors meetings has been especially productive.

Mike Wilcox, from Carelton in Mercer County, will also be stepping down. Mike was instrumental in the planning of

the corn conference in western Pennsylvania and has also been an active board member who will be missed.

Duane Hobbs, a Dupont representative who served as one of our industry members on the board, will also be stepping down after three years. Duane was instrumental in developing our Accent membership program and has been active in the planning and execution of our corn conferences.

Each of these members

NCGA Announces Yield Winners

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — In this tremendous production year, it is no wonder that yields over 200 bushels per acre were common in many areas of the U.S.

The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) is pleased

devoted considerable time and resources to the board and their dedication has made a difference in this organization. Elections are under way to fill these open slots on the board and the results will be announced in the next issue of Corn Talk.

The PMCGA board of directors consist of 15 members, nine corn growers, three industry representatives, and three extension/education representatives.

to announce corn yields ranging from 192 to 332 bushels per acre were produced by the 27 national winners in NCGA's 30th Anniversary National Corn Yield Contest.

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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, February 14
Happy Valentine's Day!

Corn Crop Management, Ephrata Area Young Farmers meeting, Ephrata H.S., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15
Grain School, Lancaster County Farm and Home Center, also Feb. 23.

Friday, February 17
Mercer County Crops Day, Mercer.

Intensive Grain Management School, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., also Feb. 24.

Tuesday, February 21

Grain marketing meeting, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

Grain School, Lancaster County Farm and Home Center.

Friday, February 24

Intensive Grain Management School, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

Schuylkill County Crops Clinic, Penn State Schuylkill Campus, Schuylkill Haven, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.