

# NCGA Announces Winners

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"Congratulations to the 471 state and national contest winners. American farmers have once again proven we are the most efficient corn producers in the world," said NCGA president Rod Gangwish, Shelton, Neb. corn farmer, referring to the record-breaking corn crop of 10 billion bushels this year's entrants and other farmers helped to produce. "We have the capabilities to supply all of our current markets and are continuing efforts to expand foreign markets and develop new industrial uses."

Of the 3,172 total entries received, 2,383 completed the contest by submitting accurate crop production records and harvest reports as required by contest rules.

The 1994 National Corn Yield Contest featured nine classes with the following national winners named:

**A Non-Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from all states except IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, OH and WI)

1. Schwenke Brothers, Union, KY—255.47 bu./acre—Pioneer 3163.

2. Bob S. White, Morganfield, KY—245.73 bu./acre—Pioneer 3163.

3. Sam Langford, Sparta, TN—244.90 bu./acre—DEKALB DK689.

**AA Non-Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, OH, WI)

1. Walter H. Hasselbring, Watseka, IL—300.33 bu./acre—Gutwein 2590

2. Gary A. Cross, Hartsburg, IL—278.55 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162  
3. Gary Porter, Mercer, MO—252.29 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

**A No-Till Non-Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from all states except IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, OH and WI)

1. Kathleen J. Wittler, Talmage, NE—251.83 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

2. Teri A. Birchmeier, New Lothrop, MI—249.58 bu./acre—Pioneer 3525.

3. Noble E. Howard, Campbellsville, KY—243.47 bu./acre—Pioneer 3163.

**AA No-Till Non-Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, OH, WI)

1. Richard F. Johnson, Alexander, IL—248.23 bu./acre—ICI 8400.

2. Lee Roy Behymer, Mt. Sterling, IL—247.87 bu./acre—Burrus BX70.

3. Robert A. Johnson, Alexander, IL—243.37 bu./acre—ICI 8260.

**No-Till Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from all states)

1. Leila B. Beaver, Sterling, NE—332.35 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

2. Alvin Harris & Sons, Inc., Pasco, WA—279.27 bu./acre—Pioneer 3417.

3. Milferd Nichols, Dalhart, TX—278.77 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

**A Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from all states except IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, OH and WI)

1. Lyle L. Epke, York, NE—263.23 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

2. Frog Level Farms, Elkton, KY—223.07 bu./acre—Pioneer 3163.

3. Leah Oswalt, Plantersville, MS—192.76 bu./acre—Northrup King N8020.

**AA Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from IL, IN, IA, MN, MO, OH, WI)

1. Williams Farms, Crescent, IA—231.65 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

2. Mike Richmond, Nevada, OH—230.26 bu./acre—Asgrow RX811.

3. Bruce Baumgartner, Lena, IL—218.45 bu./acre—ICI 8501.

**Ridge-Till Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from all states)

1. Kenneth Beaver, Jr., Sterling, NE—326.12 bu./acre—

Pioneer 3162.  
2. Gary Baalman, Menlo, KS—264.11 bu./acre—Pioneer 3162.

3. August J. Ochs, Hoxie, KS—262.64 bu./acre—Pioneer 31621R.

**Irrigated** (comprised of corn growers from all states)

1. Chris Beaver, Sterling, NE—327.72 bu./acre—Pioneer 3225.

2. Hawman Farms, Inc., Hermiton, OR—310.17 bu./acre—Pioneer 3417.

3. Tim Dewey Farm & Cattle, Cimarron, KS—301.97



Contest winners, their yields and production practices will be summarized in the 1995 Corn Yield Guide, sponsored by American Cyanamid Company, Deere & Company and Northrup King Company. The guide will be published in the March issue of Farm Journal magazine.

All of the 27 national winners and 471 state winners (top three state winners in each class) will be formally recognized with awards during the NCGA Corn Classic, Feb. 26-28, in Nashville, Tenn.

Copies of the 1995 Corn Yield Guide can also be obtained from NCGA's office, 1000 Executive Parkway, #105, St. Louis, MO, 63141.

## GATT's Passage Marks Victory For Growers

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) is savoring a major victory in Washington, DC. The recent Senate passage of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) clears the final hurdle to full U.S. acceptance of the century's most sweeping trade reform.

U.S. corn farmers can expect to gain new export market opportunities for 200-300 million bushels of corn each year, roughly equivalent to Kansas' entire 1993 corn crop.

"The Uruguay Round agreement will level the playing field around the world," said Rod Gangwish, NCGA president and a Shelton, Neb., corn grower. "In a fair market, the U.S. corn farmer is the most efficient corn producer in the world. We will benefit substantially from this trade accord."

NCGA played a major role in securing GATT's sometimes

rocky passage through Congress. As a leader of the Ag for GATT Coalition, with more than 300 members, NCGA encouraged corn farmers across the U.S. to voice their support for GATT. That grassroots initiative helped clinch GATT's final approval.

Once President Clinton signs the Uruguay Round agreement, GATT is expected to boost U.S. ag exports \$5-14 billion during each of the next five years, generate \$10-30 billion in related economic activity, boost farm income \$1.3 billion and create more than 112,000 jobs.

The GATT treaty marks the second recent major trade victory for U.S. corn farmers. Just one year ago, Congress passed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). NCGA and other members of the AG for NAFTA Coalition coordinated a major grassroots campaign to support NAFTA. It

proved key to securing NAFTA's ratification.

In the year since NAFTA linked the U.S., Mexico and Canada into the world's largest free trade zone, corn shipments to Mexico have surged. Exports to Mexico are predicted to reach 2.5 million metric tons (nearly 100 million bushels) this year, five times more than last year's sales.

"GATT will build on NAFTA's success," said Gangwish. "Corn farmers can rightfully relish this victory. They did the hard work that made it happen."



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