

CORN TALK NEWS

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Kreider Sets 210 Bushels Per Acre

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in soybeans, of which about 50 acres are double-cropped with wheat. He also maintains some pasture ground.

Most of the acreage is in minimum tillage, using a disc and field cultivator, with some no-till ground. The soil is a Hagerstown-Duffield clay loam, which drains well and readily holds soil nutrients.

Good, deep topsoil and little clay or rocks make good growing conditions.

He rotates from soybeans to corn. "I usually pick a field that I had soybeans in previously," said Kreider. "For three years, it's never been the same field."

Kreider believes he has "some good dirt here," he said. "Our fertility levels are good and it's good soil."

Kreider plows some of the



Richard Kreider farms about 250 acres on two farms, including his father, Joseph's, land north of Schaefferstown. Richard grows about 125 acres of corn altogether, which he raises to feed his 150 head of beef cattle. The rest Kreider sells to a local farmer.

steer manure down, but aims for about 50-70 units of nitrogen per acre for his corn.

At planting time (on April 28, 1994), Kreider used a six-row corn planter. He uses a 4-18-4 fertilizer on the row. At sidedressing, when the corn is about a foot high, Kreider uses a special six-row cultivator with large fertilizer boxes containing dry urea.

Kreider said that using the right kind of seed corn helped, used in conjunction with proper fertility. He soils tests regularly. He aims to place down roughly a unit of nitrogen per bushel of corn as his yield goal.

"I believe that my cultivation and sidedressing is a help," said Kreider. "I think that really loosens the ground and I get the nitrogen down a little closer to the time it needs it."

But the combination of proper fertility levels, proper seed corn, proper field population per acre, and ultimately "timely rains" go into raising a banner, contest-winning crop.

He thinks harvesting 210 bushels per acre of corn on his farm is possible. "The hybrids

are improved. It's probably going to be possible, because 20 years ago 150 bushels per acre was a pretty good yield."



Kreider's daughter, Jodi, presented him a license plate that bears the title, "The Pioneer Man."

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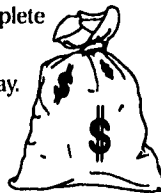
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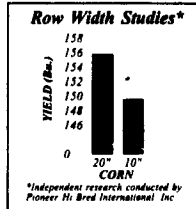
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