

# Field Day Examines Corn Row Width, Planting Depth

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Corn planting depth makes a big difference in terms of standability, especially when using new herbicide formulas, according to research at the annual Reading Bone Agway Crop Day on Wednesday here at the Milton Hershey

School. About 225 farmers and agri-industry representatives were registered for the event, which provides a product and service showcase for Agway and other companies. In all, about 14 companies were represented at the field day.

Randy Weyer, plant manager for Reading Bone Agway, Leesport, told tour groups that corn producers should "shoot for 1½ -inch seed depth when planting." He

said a difference of a ¼ inch can be critical to emergence and standability, and one inch variance can be "very critical." Herbicide formula use and rates

can affect emergence and standability if planters stray too far from the 1½ -inch depth required, according to field trials at the (Turn to Page A45)



Research provided by Dean Kohler, Intern at Reading Bone Agway, examined how shorter planting depths affected corn height.



Seventeen different research plots were featured at the field day. Roy Aber, right, sales manager for Reading Bone Agway, provides information on post applications of herbicide products to soybeans.



According to Mark Chegwiddden, Agway Intern, at the wider rows, stalk and cob sizes increase. At the narrower rows, while the cob and stalk sizes decrease, there are more plants per space which may result in greater yield.

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