

Area Corn Grower Wins National Contest

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—An area corn grower, Cheryl Maximuck of Doylestown, Pa., is a winner in the 1994 National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC), sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

The local operation placed first in the state in the "No-Till Irrigated Class" with a yield of 209.7471 bushels per acre. The hybrid used in the winning field was DeKalb DK623.

The contest included 471 winners from throughout the nation's corn-growing areas. The average yield for all contest entrants was a record 192 bushels per acre, compared to the overall U.S. average of 138.6 bushels per acre. The contest average was up significantly from the 1993 contest average of 159 bushels per acre, reflecting more positive growing conditions in 1994. Six yields at more than 300 bushels per acre were produced.

Qualified supervisors were present at harvest to verify accuracy of the yield, which, according to contest rules, must be taken from a yield of at

least 10 continuous acres planted to a single hybrid. More than 3,100 farmers entered the 1994 contest.

"The National Corn Yield Contest epitomizes the productivity of American farmers," according to NCGA president Rod Gangwish, a farmer from Shelton, Neb. "Farmers should be extremely proud of producing a record-breaking corn crop of more than 10 billion bushels this year. It demonstrated again that we are the most efficient corn producers in the world, with capabilities of supplying all of our current markets, expanding foreign markets, and developing new industrial uses."

Not only are contest entrants producing high yields, but they are doing it very efficiently, according to Gangwish. All entrants applied an average of only 0.94 pounds of commercial nitrogen per bushel of yield, while the agronomic requirement is 1.1 pound per bushel.

"This is one example that helps demonstrate that farmers are good stewards of the environment by using production

inputs wisely and using carry-over nitrogen from their previous year's crop," said Gangwish. Almost 60 percent of entrants perform a soil test to help them make input decisions.

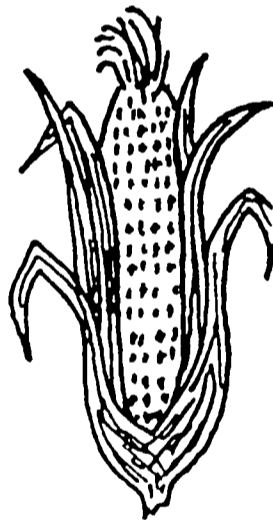
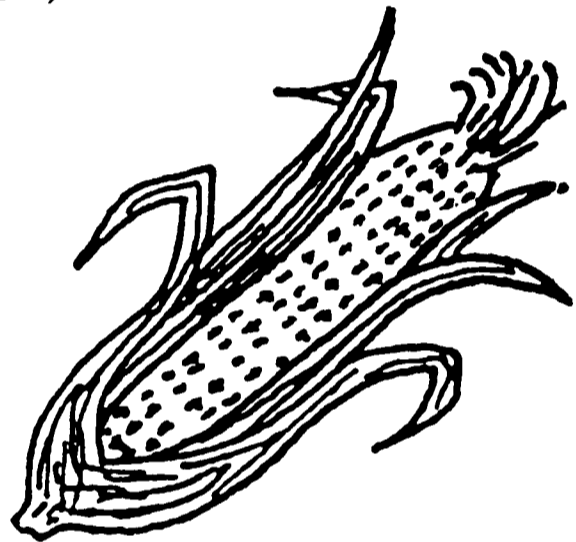
Contest winners were honored and awarded custom-designed trophies at NCGA's 1995 Corn Classic this year in Nashville, Tenn.

The "1995 Corn Yield Guide," which outlines the agronomic information of all 471 state and national NCYC winners, was featured in the March issue of Farm Journal magazine. The guide is published by NCGA and sponsored by American Cyanamid Company, Deere & Company, and Northrup King Company.

Entry forms and rules for the 1995 contest are available by contacting NCGA at 1000 Executive Parkway, #105, St. Louis, MO 63141, (314) 275-9915.



Area corn growers Cheryl and Mathew Maximuck of Doylestown were recognized recently as a state winner in the 1994 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA). Daryl Reid, right, a farmer from Macomb, Ill., and chairman of the NCGA Field Services Committee, presented the award at the NCGA Corn Classic in Nashville.

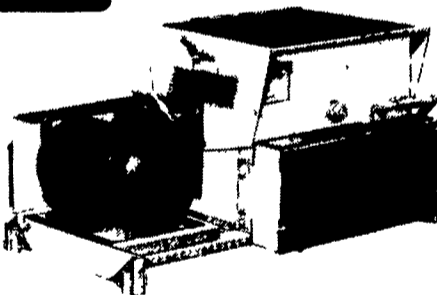


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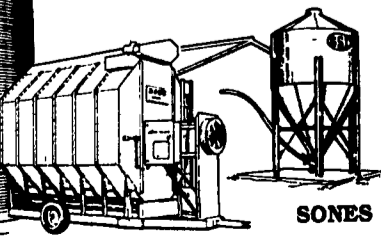
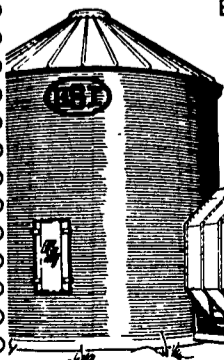
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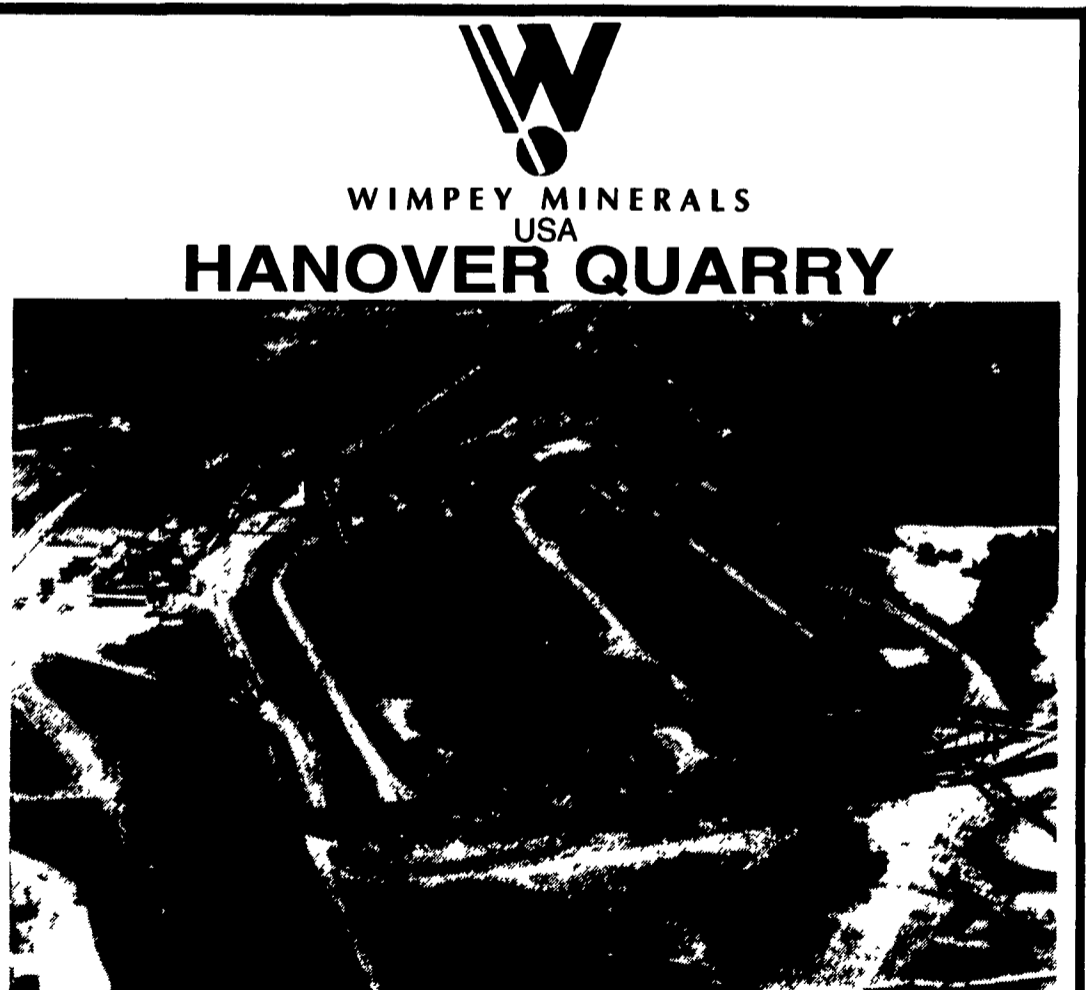
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