

# USFGC Reports On Corn Exports

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Feed Grains Council (USFGC) is working to develop export markets for corn and other grains.

The National Corn Growers Association is a member of the USFGC.

In 1995, export markets for corn have been particularly good. In several countries, USFGC programs are helping to promote export markets.

The Philippines recently bought 150,000 metric tons (5.9 million bushels) of U.S.

corn, bringing

year-to-date purchases from the United States to 233,500 mt (9.2 mbu). Corn production in the Philippines is down again this year, and despite the incredibly high costs of feed ingredients, poultry and swine production is growing by 5-6 percent and 3-4 percent, respectively. U.S. Feed Grains Council programs in the Philippines are enabling the United States to capture a large share of this re-emerging market.

The U.S. Feed Grains Council's long-term investment in Korea, emphasizing high-value and industrial applications for U.S. corn are paying off. In 1995, total corn imports to Korea are estimated to reach 10 million metric tons (394 million bushels), with the United States supplying more than 98 percent, compared to just 10 percent in 1993.

Egypt recently purchased 67,900 metric tons (2.7 million bushels) of U.S. corn, bringing current marketing year imports from the United States to more than 1.26 million metric tons (50 mbu).

## RESEARCH UPDATE

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• **Laboratory free-choice study.** This study is designed to help us determine if crop residue is a factor in this first-year corn problem. WCR beetles have been given a free choice of corn and soybeans with and without corn residue. Data will be analyzed this winter.

• **Genetic fingerprinting.** Rootworm populations from soybeans and corn from several areas of Indiana and from Iowa, Nebraska, and Eastern Europe

will be analyzed this winter to determine if there are differences in DNA. It could be that the beetles in the problem areas represent a biotype.

• **Survey.** Questionnaires have been distributed to agricultural dealers and extension educators to determine the extent of the problem and producer attitudes regarding soil insecticide use in 1996. These data will be published in Purdue's Pest Management and Crop Production Newsletter sometime this winter.



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