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**For Snook, Standability's  
 Most Important Factor**

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**JERSEY SHORE** (Lycoming Co.) — Some people say it's the rich river bottom soils that allow Ed Snook to take home the first-place ribbon in the Pennsylvania Corn Club's annual production contest. But according to the long-time corn grower and hog farmer, there are many factors that contribute to bumper corn crops. "In the Five Acre Corn Club, I don't enter the same fields every year. I've had them in the Nippenose Valley on limestone ground and along the river. It's always pushed up to me that I have pig manure and river field, but we've had the Five Year Corn Club in seven or eight locations and we've won awards on all of them," he said. In this year's contest, Snook placed first in the three-year average shelled grain class for the regular harvest size. His yield in 1992 was 191.8 bushels per acre. In 1993 he produced 201.6 bushels per acre and in 1994 he produced 194.1 bushels per acre for an average

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**Corn A Year-Round Business At Wolf Farms**

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**STEWARTSTOWN** (York Co.)—Piles of icy snow still linger along the edges of the rolling fields at Wolf Farms, west of Stewartstown. But inside the farm's offices, Dan Wolf contemplates the neon-green commodity price charts scrolling across a satellite monitor and makes plans for planting corn. Corn is king at this southern York County crop farm, where Dan Wolf and his brothers Dave and Steve crop 1,000 acres of the golden grain crop along with additional acreage in soybeans, wheat, timothy, and popcorn. Wolf, a quiet, well-spoken farmer who studies his business intently, is one of the newest directors of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA). Familiar to many corn pro-

ducers, the statewide corn yield contest. PMCGA also works closely with Penn State in education and research work toward improved yields and cropping practices. "The association helps to promote corn through education and advertising," Dan said, adding that the PMCGA's efforts are closely related to the programs and efforts of the National Corn Growers Association. "We also work toward enlightening and educating elected officials in the best interests of corn growers." Promoting new products made from corn is another focus of the corn growers' association. Ethanol, an alternative fuel made from corn, continues to grow in volume of usage across the country. Tax benefits granted for ethanol development were a result of the ongoing efforts of the corn growers' associations, Wolf noted.



Two generations at Wolf Farms attend to business on the family grain operation. From left are brothers Dave and Dan Wolf and Dan's son, Justin. Absent from the photo because he was in the shop getting equipment ready was the third Wolf brother and partner, Steve.

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