

Yield Contest Winners Announced For Nation's Top Crop

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Despite a tumultuous growing season resulting in a smaller U.S. corn harvest, winners of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) 1995 National Corn Yield Contest brought in some significant-sized crops.

Corn yield entries tabulated from the 27 farmers who took first, second, and third place in nine separate classes of the popular NCGA contest ranged from 185 to 314 bushels per acre.

"The men and women who participated in this contest produced some impressive crops despite a great deal of adversity caused by a wet spring, stifling-hot late summer and an early frost," said NCGA President Bill Northey. "We face uncertainty due to weather day in and day out. Currently we face additional uncertainty because a new farm program remains unresolved in Washington. We urge Congress and President Clinton to establish one with complete flexibility, an adequate safety net, and to put it in place soon," the Iowa farmer said.

The goal of the NCGA National Corn Yield Contest is to encourage corn growers to develop new, efficient production techniques that improve corn profitability. The highest average yields came from growers who used no-till practices.

More than 3,300 corn growers took part in the contest, about 200 more than in 1994.

The NCGA announced the following national winners:

A States: The 41 continental U.S. States not shown in the list of AA states

AA States: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

A Non-Irrigated

1. J.M. Souza Farms, Inc., Lodi, CA — 150 bu./acre - Pioneer 3162

2. Brad Rogers, Buchanan, IN — 242 bu./acre - Northrup King PX 9540

3. Doug Mitchell, Corinth, MS — 231 bu./acre - Pioneer 3163

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AA Non-Irrigated

1. Melvin Johnston, Smithland, LA — 227 bu./acre - Pioneer 33951R

2. Robert Hadden, Jacksonville, IL — 231.6 bu./acre - Pioneer 3335

3. Jerry Cox, Chaffee, MO — 221.4 bu./acre - Northrup King N7590

A No-Till Non-Irrigated

1. Sunnybrook Farms, Inc., Richfield, NC — 230 bu./acre - Pioneer 3163

2. Leon Rogers, Buchanan, TN — 228 bu./acre - Northrup King N7590

3. Elwin Tanner, Union City, TN — 224 bu./acre - Pioneer 3245

AA No-Till Non-Irrigated

1. Scott A. Sease, Laura, OH — 209 bu./acre - Dekalb DK642

2. Hugh W. Rodman, Radnor, OH — 208.6 bu./acre - Asgrow RX699

3. Theodore J. Weydert, Maple Park, IL — 208.5 bu./acre - ICI 84811T

No-Till Irrigated

1. Bruce Ford Farms, Hermiston, OR — 314 bu./acre - Pioneer 3417

2. David O. Finger, Kennewick, WA — 265 bu./acre - Pioneer 3162

3. Diane & Mike Hawman, Hermiston, OR — 255 bu./acre - Pioneer 3394

A Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated

1. Barbara Oswald, Planters-

ville, MS — 209 bu./acre - Pioneer 3163

2. Kenneth Oswald, Plantersville, MS — 194 bu./acre - Northrup King N8020

3. Stuart Howard, Jacksonville, NC — 185 bu./acre - Pioneer 3163

AA Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated

1. Eldon Gohn, Rochester, IN — 205 bu./acre - Pioneer 3489

2. Tim Carter, Princeton, IA — 193 bu./acre - Dekalb DK604

3. Mike Wolfe, Baltimore, OH — 190 bu./acre - Pioneer 3293

Ridge-Till Irrigated

1. Kenneth Beaver, Jr., Sterling, NE — 269 bu./acre - Pioneer 3162

2. Alan A. Danser, Cranbury, NJ — 252 bu./acre - Pioneer 3245

3. Charles W. Abbe, Dalhart, TX — 247 bu./acre - NC+7117

Irrigated

1. Hawman Farms, Inc., Henniston, OR — 305 bu./acre - Pioneer 3489

2. Jeffrey A. Strebin, Pasco, WA — 287 bu./acre - Pioneer 3417

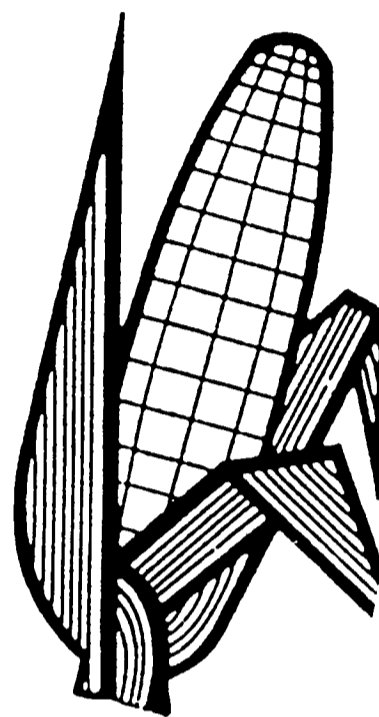
3. Riverview Ranches, Chowchilla, CA - 277 bu./acre - Pioneer 3162

The NCGA plans to honor

each national winner along with 489 state winners at this year's Commodity Classic, February 25-27 in Phoenix, AZ. "U.S. corn growers deserve recognition because we continue to lead the nation and the world in crop production," the NCGA leader said.

The "1996 Corn Yield Guide," sponsored by John Deere & Company, Monsanto Company and Northrup King

Company, summarizes all 1995 winners, their yields and production practices. Farm Journal magazine plans to publish the guide in its March edition. Additional copies of the 1996 Corn Yield Guide can be obtained by calling the NCGA at (314) 275-9915. The organization represents more than 29,500 corn growers in 47 different states.



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