

National Yield Contest Names Winners

ST LOUIS, Mo. — Several area corn growers were honored at a recent national yield contest.

Clarence A. Keener Jr. of Manheim, Pa. placed first in the A nonirrigated class with a yield of 237.36 bushels per acre. Keener used a Pioneer 3335 hybrid.

Clifford Stoltzfus of Cochranville, Pa. placed third in the state in the A nonirrigated class with a yield of 232.07 bushels per acre. Hybrid used with Pioneer 3335.

Rhoda Mast of Morgantown, Pa. placed first in the state in the no-till irrigated class with a yield of 194.12 bushels per acre using Pioneer 3260.

Matthew Maximuck of Doy-lestown placed second in the state in the no-till irrigated class with a yield of 138.24 bushels per acre using Dekalb DK623.

The local operation was one of 482 state winners named in nine classes in the 1996 contest. About 3,700 growers from throughout the nation's corn-producing areas entered the competition, up from a little



Corn growers Clarence and Anna Keener of Manheim were recognized recently as state winner in the 1996 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the NCGA. Lynn Chrisp, left, a farmer from Nebraska and chairman of the contest advisory committee, presented the award during the Commodity Classic in Tampa, Fla.

more than 3,300 entrants in 1995.

The average yield for all con-

test entrants was 188 bushels per acre — 61 bushels per acre more than the 1996 U.S. aver-

Conference Set

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — Plans are nearly complete for the 1998 Pennsylvania Corn and Soybean Conference to be held Feb. 13 at the Holiday Inn at Grantville, just north of Harrisburg on I-81.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Leading off this year's program will be Dr. Robert Steele, the new dean of the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences. Keynote speaker this year will be Paul Knight, the

Pennsylvania State climatologist who regularly appears on "Weather World." Paul will discuss the weather in the past season and trends in Pennsylvania's climate, including the potential for global warming.

Mark Mattingly, agronomist with Hoffman Seeds, will provide an overview of the last growing season for corn and soybeans. Other speakers will address soybean breeding issues and soybean market development.

Dr. Lou Moore, from Penn State economist, will also be on hand to give his perspective on market conditions for 1998. The conference will also include ag industry exhibitors, 5-Acre Corn Club and Soybean Yield Contest awards, and reports from the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers and the Pennsylvania Soybean Board.

Certified crop adviser credits will be available from the conference in pest management and crop production. Pesticide applicator credits will be available as well.

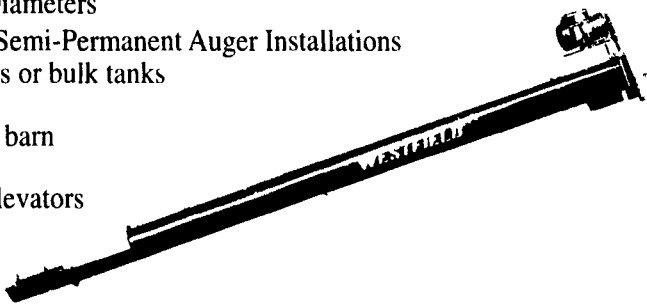
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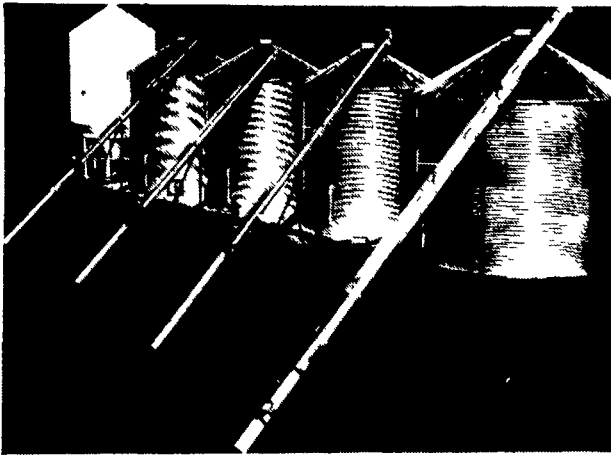
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