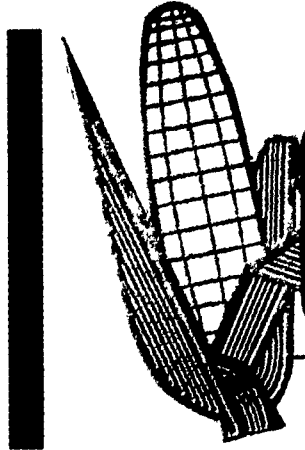


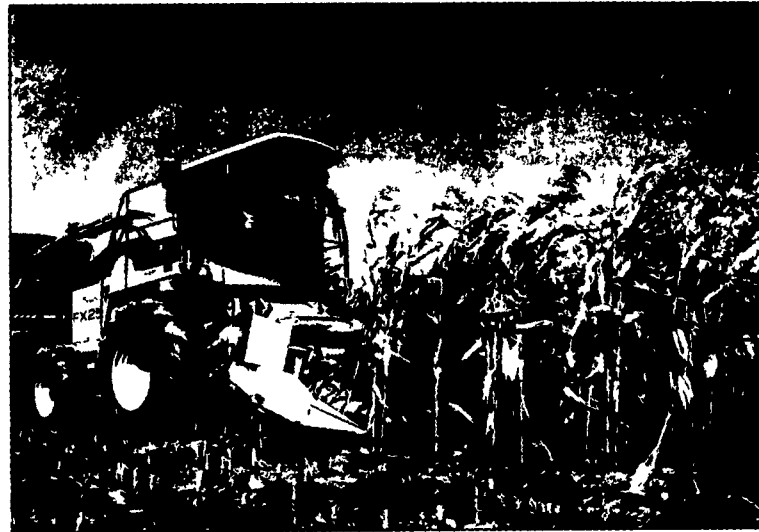
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Corn yields are becoming evident as harvest is in full swing with a wide variation in yields because of weather conditions. Clarence Hoover runs the silage harvester on the John S. Nolt farm north of New Holland.

**New PMCGA President
 Wants Vote
 On Corn Checkoff**

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SHELOCTA (Indiana Co)
 — Chris Kimmel is steadfast about his plans

The new president of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA) intends, within the next two years, to put a referendum before the state corn growers

That referendum will address the question will Pennsylvania have a corn checkoff?

Already, the PMCGA knows the direction it must take. At the Crops Conference in Grantville early this year, corn growers

discussed, including about 800 in corn. The passing of a checkoff, calculated at point of sale and based on a similar program in Maryland, would mean a lot to the commercial growers who want to see better promotion of the product, in addition to money for research at land-grant universities (Those same universities are already experiencing the withdrawal of government money — those dollars have to come from somewhere)

This is the first time Kimmel has served as president of PMCGA, although he has served as vice president for a few years. He serves on the corn checkoff committee in the

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More Than 300 Attend Crop Field Day At Long Acres
Soil Penetration, Loosening Help Improve Corn Standability



Conservation is evident on the Long Acres Potato Farm, Tionesta. A field day at the farm showed visitors the importance of tillage and how to eliminate compaction.

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TIONESTA (Clarion Co)—
 Despite rainy conditions, methods to improve water absorption and effective use of starter fertilizer allowed a corn producer here to garner 145 bushels/acre of shelled corn this season

The partners that comprise Long Acres Potato Farm know what the challenges of the past growing season brought a cool, wet spring followed by a wet summer followed by well, despite all that, the corn went in on time and did well

About 350 corn growers and agn-industry representatives, including a large contingent of Penn State extension staff, were on hand to show the results of Bt corn, corn variety trials, and use of starter and sidedress fertilizers at the Crop Field Day held at Long Acres in Septem-

Beck said that the partnership uses a four-year rotation corn, followed by soybeans or oats, followed by potatoes or wheat, then back to corn. The important thing to remember, noted Beck, is that the farm doesn't follow corn with corn

"We also have learned to subsoil the ground to 18 inches deep and keep the soil real loose to benefit the root system," said Beck. Even in a dry year, he said, subsoiling is "very beneficial" for a healthier, more productive crop

The wet weather this year was a real challenge. It "held us back in terms of subsoiling and tillage," Beck said

What farmers are discovering, he indicated, was that the use of a starter fertilizer in the row with a lot of urea can have detrimental effects on a crop. The fertilizer can burn the root system

What Long Acres has done is make use of a...

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