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PMCGA's First President A 'Student of Corn'

RANDY WELLS Indiana Co. Correspondent

DAYTON (Aunstrong Co.) Despite the relatively dry weather this summer in Armstrong County George Rumbaugh was able to walk into one of his corn fields near here on the first day of September and gaze up at the green stalks stretching well above his head The ears had filled out nicely too he noted, and he predicted his crop would probably yield 80 or more bushels per acre

Rumbaugh probably knows as much about growing corr as any farmer in his county and perhaps the state He had not only been growing corn but studying it for years when he was asked in the early 1970s to serve as the first president of the newly formed Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA)

George was a student of

he watched it to see how it reacted to weather and soil conditions said Bill King a Armstrong Penn Extension Service Extension

Rumbaugh lives on the Wayne Township Armstrong County farm his great grand father bought in 1857 and he

divided between his grandfa farm house dong with a two lane blicktop that winds through the rolling furmland Eventually the farm was ther and his great uncles -Rumbaugh said — and today it age 76 Rumbaugh operates part of the original farm with his son David Their 360 acre

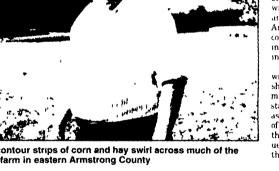
> Rumbaugh was taking a critical look at his corn crops even before PMCGA was started Rumbaugh along with extension agent King and Willard Kinmel another Armstrong County farmer conducted some of the first interval corn planting tests

In those days you could raise

spread has about 260 acres of

family on 50 acres

in the state Despite the conventional wisdom of that time that corn should not be planted before mid May the three men started planting corn as early as mid April - six rows each of the same seed variety in the same field — and contin ued the weekly plantings through May The results



Lush, alternating contour strips of corn and hay swirl across much of the 360-acre Rumbaugh farm in eastern Armstrong County

30,000 Could Be Corn's Optimum Population Rate

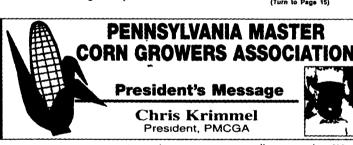
ANDY ANDREWS Lancaster Farming Staff PEACH BOTTOM (Lancaster Co.) --- Producers often seek

that "optimum population rate." That rate is the amount of corn seeds to put down per acre

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in several planting demonstrations involving grain and silage corn, the optimum population rate could be 30,000 seeds per acre. The best stands were planted this year at that rate, according to Ed Herrmann, adviser to the Solanco Young Farmer Association.



coming to an end - and its been a very active spring and summer for the PMCGA and

The ethanol battle was won once again Special thanks to all of you who took time to send a seed corn tag with your Save Ethanol



Corn Silage Management meeting, Solanco Young Farmers Association, Solanco High School.

Ag Service School, Meadville, (Turn to Page 11)

message to your congression-

Because of our combined

efforts ethanol production

will use more than 600 mil adding 43 cents per bushel or (Turn to Page 13)



A harvester demonstrated to the crowd At Ag Progress uses a rotating blade. See story page 14.

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