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CORN TALK

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Corn Talk, Lancaster Farming, Saturday, March 6, 1999

Corn Winners' Joy Overshadowed By Pollution Problems

DAVID HIEBERT
Westmoreland Co. Correspondent
McCONNELLSBURG, (Fulton Co.) — The Glazier family should be happy. And they are. Sort of. But their joy in winning the statewide ear corn class, hand-harvest division first place is overshadowed by a great fear.

Will present measures be enough to restore health to the dairy herd?

Kenneth Glazier, a member of the Five Acre Corn Club sponsored by Penn State, has a ribbon for raising 113.7 bushels (100-124 bushel class) in 1995.

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New Use Market Should Be Where Producers Set Sights

ANDY ANDREWS
Lancaster Farming Staff
ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Corn and soybean producers have to realize one thing, according to a commodity broker: the feed business grows only at an annual rate of one to two percent.

"To me, that's a problem," said Pat Boova, Smith Barney marketing specialist. "That's a huge problem."

Boova, who spoke to more than 100 corn and soybean growers and agri-industry representatives in January at the

crops conference at the Days Inn Conference Center near Allentown, said, "None of us can run a business growing at one or two percent a year," he said. "It can't be done. It's not going to work."

Boova noted that 97 percent of the soy protein goes to feed business. Trouble is, humans don't eat a great deal of soy protein. If they did, soybean growers would be experiencing a boom time.

Same goes for corn producers. Take away the high fructose

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Corn Club Announces Contest Winners

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — Recently available is the 1998 Report of the Pennsylvania 5-Acre Corn Club, supported by the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association and participating seed companies.

The winners were announced in January at the annual Pennsylvania Corn and

Soybean Conference at the Days Inn Conference Center, Allentown.

According to Greg Roth, Penn State associate professor of agronomy, there were about six "fundamentals" that were followed among most of the winners. They included paying attention to the planter, getting

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Farming is a family event for Kenneth L. Glazier, center, McConnellsburg. Ken is first place winner in the Five Acre Corn Club ear corn class, hand harvest division for a yield of 222 bushels per acre. With Ken and his wife, Sharon, is granddaughter Caitlin, age 3 and a half. Photo by David Hiebert



PENNSYLVANIA MASTER CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Chris Kimmel
President, PMCGA



Now that you have attended winter meetings or are still attending some, do you know what you are going to do with the information?

With corn prices where they are, we certainly need to make our planting dollar go as far as possible.

With seed corn prices

ranging from more than \$50 to \$100, make sure you know what you are getting and how it will work for your situation.

When it comes to spraying, there are lots of options. In our situation, we finally gave up on trying to do it with a one pass system and have

committed ourselves to a pre and post-application. This allows us to evaluate our weed spectrum and better match weeds and chemicals. It saves us more than \$5 per acre, even with the extra trip, and does a better job.

As poor as corn prices are,

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CORN TALK

Farm Calendar

Sunday, March 6
Ag Outlook Seminar, Berks County Ag Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10
Crops Clinic, Penn State Schuylkill Campus, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, March 11
Using Technology To Improve Productivity, Schuylkill County Ag Center, Pottsville, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., also March 12
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