

Orlando To Host Nation's Top Corn, Soybean Growers

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.—Thousands of corn and soybean growers from across the U.S. will be heading to sunny Orlando, Fla. this March to attend the largest commodity event of the year—Commodity Classic 2000.

An estimated 3,800 of the nation's corn and soybean growers and industry leaders are expected to converge March 5-7 at Orlando's Orange County Convention Center for the fifth annual

combined convention and trade show of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and the American Soybean Association (ASA).

"Orlando is an appropriate place for us to plan and build for the future of agriculture as we enter a new century of challenges," said NCGA President Lynn Jensen. "Attendees can certainly expect to have plenty of quality attractions and events along with all there is to see and do in

Orlando."

Commodity Classic is the premier venue for growers to learn and network with leading innovators in crop production and agribusiness industry representatives to improve their efficiency and profitability. Classic 2000 agenda includes a diverse range of production, education, new product seminars, and top entertainment events.

"By reputation, Comm-

odity Classic's educational seminars attract the best within our industry and go a long way in helping keep producers on the cutting edge of new technology," said Marc S. Curtis, president of the American Soybean Association.

Back by popular demand at Commodity Classic 2000 is thought-provoking and highly entertaining technologies futurist Dr. Lowell Catlett. Catlett's knowledge of technologies and their implications on the way we live and work has earned him the reputation of one of the best in his field with corporate and association audiences nationally and internationally. Catlett's presentation is sponsored by Dow AgroSciences. Classic climaxes with a Monsanto-sponsored concert featuring country music superstar Ricky Skaggs, whose chart topping talent covers country, bluegrass, and gospel music.

Events include:

- Early registration event: The first 1,300 growers and family members who register for a full package will receive a ticket to this year's early registration bonus event, sponsored by BASF. This year's kickoff event at world-famous Sea World is not to be missed and sure to be the best yet.

- Seminar topics include "Marketing In the New Millennium," "Building Yields One Seed at a Time," "The Complexity of Today's Export Market," and a special taping of AgDay TV's *Weekend Marketplace*.

- Learning center topics: Sponsored by Rhone-Poulenc, you'll learn how to implement sound agronomic and production management practices to increase corn and soybean yields, reduce costs, and make you more efficient.

- A bigger and better than ever trade show, featuring more than 580 exhibit booths. A one-stop-shop to learn about new products coming to the marketplace.

- A wide array of quality family entertainment diversions, including Walt Disney World and Sea World.

Bt Corn Hybrids

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tive that is much more effective, consistent, economic and environmentally sound than foliar insecticides. For example, non-Bt hybrid sweet corn can require 12 or more insecticide applications in a single season for the production of sweet corn for fresh market sales."

Controversy over production and use of genetically modified crop cultivars has focused a great deal of public attention on Bt corn. "Debate surrounding the use of genetically modified crops should be based on risk/benefit assessment including environmental impacts, livestock impacts, and potential human health threats," said Munkvold. "Consumers and regulatory agencies should consider the food safety and environmental implications of Bt corn when making decisions about its use."

For more information about Bt corn, visit the APS October/November feature story at <http://www.scisoc.org>. The American Phytopathological Society (APS) is a professional scientific organization dedicated to the study and control of plant disease with 5,000 members worldwide. For more information on APS, contact APS Headquarters at (651) 454-7250 or aps@scisoc.org.

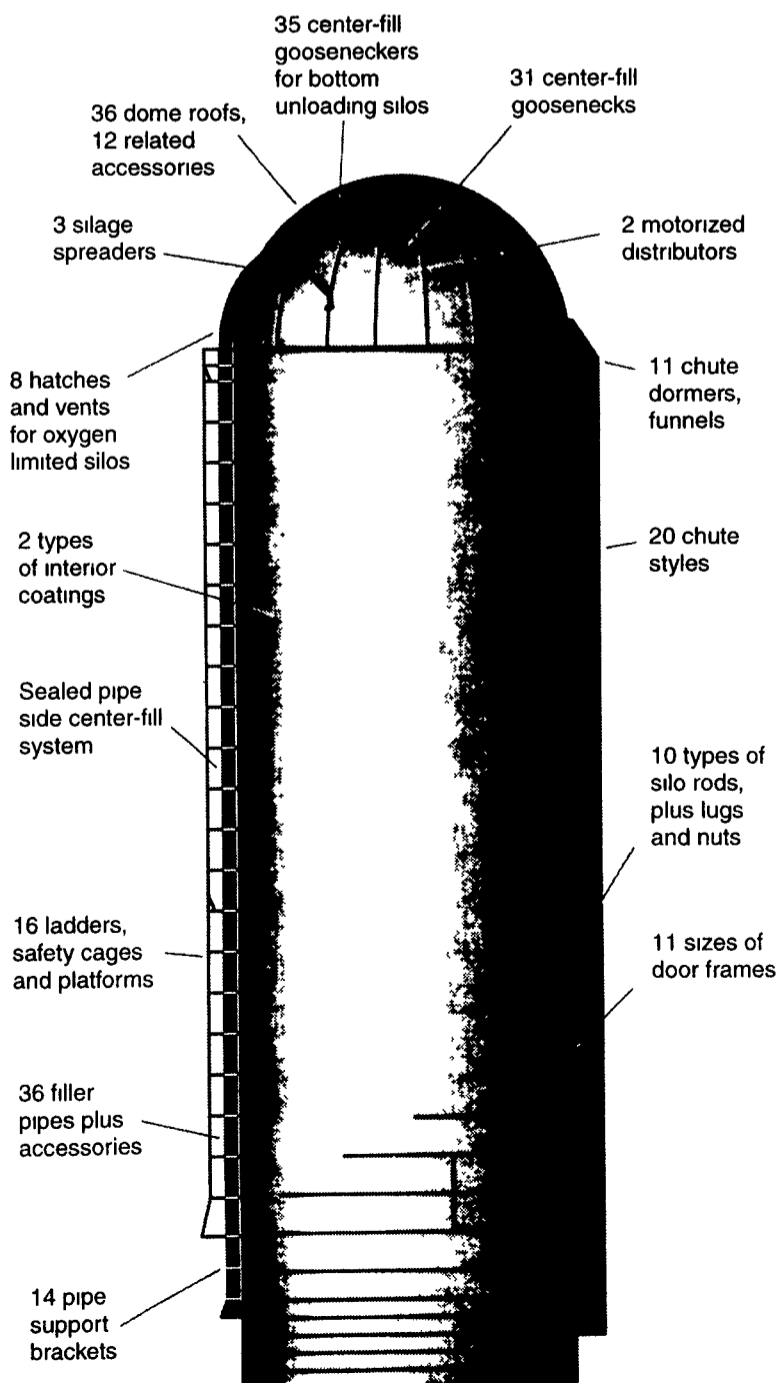
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Lehigh	Dan Hunsicker	April 28	Not Harvested
Franklin	John Koons	April 27	October 26
Franklin	Joel Wenger	April 26	October 27

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