

Cornell Offers New Interdisciplinary Graduate Training Program In Food Safety

ITHACA, N.Y. -- The Cornell University colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences and of Veterinary Medicine have launched a new interdisciplinary doctoral training program in food safety that will provide instruction in new methods of detecting, eliminating and controlling pathogens in the food system.

"Graduate students will have access to a variety of world-class facilities and programs at Cornell, ranging from the Cornell Nanofabrication Facility to the Cornell Genomics Initiative," says Martin Wiedmann, Cornell assistant professor in food science

and one of the program's organizers.

The program, he says, also will offer unique internship opportunities outside of the traditional academic environment, which could range from training at a biotechnology company to

experience with those state and federal agencies charged with development of scientifically based, food-safety policies and regulations.

Faculty mentors for this training program have expertise in the areas of food safety, food and veterinary microbiology, molecular microbiology, bacterial pathogenesis, microbial ecology and epidemiology.

Wiedmann says that applicants should have a strong interest in

food safety and a bachelor's degree or a master's degree in any biological science. Applicants with a doctorate of veterinary medicine, or an equivalent degree, are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants will be supported with teaching and/or research assistantships.

For additional information, contact Dr. Kathryn Boor, Department of Food Science, 412 Stocking Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853; e-mail: <kjb4@cornell.edu>; or phone: (607) 255-3111.

Five-Acre Corn Winners

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using Pioneer 35N05 at a plant population of 31,574. Third place was awarded to Wayne Freeman, Elliotsburg, for a yield of 194.3 bushels per acre using NC+5878B at a plant population of 26,199.

There were less than five entries in the machine harvest class in 1999, so no awards were made.

A complete, detailed listing of the winners and their management practices is scheduled to be published in the next issue of *Corn Talk*, a section of this newspaper, on March 4.*

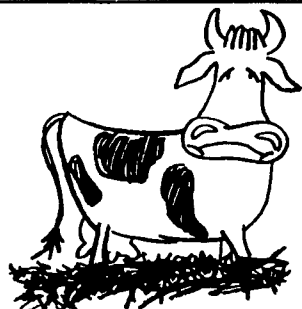
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