

National Corn Growers Association Announces Corn Yield Contest Winners

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Francis Childs has done it again. The Manchester, Iowa, farmer produced 357.3 bushels per acre to reclaim first place in the 2000 National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC).

The popular National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) contest drew more than 3,500 farmers from throughout the nation.

While they earned him the top prize in the 2000 NCYC, Childs' yields were down significantly from his 1999 record yield of 393.7 bushels per acre — citing a hailstorm that reduced his plant population and lowered his overall yield.

Weather once again played a significant role in yields ranging from the winning 357.3 bushels to the lowest national yield of 216.7 bushels per acre.

"It's interesting to note that the majority of the winners were east of the Mississippi River," said NCGA President Lee Klein of Battle Creek, Neb. "Growers in eastern states who endured devastating droughts in previous years finally enjoyed better-than-ideal growing conditions this year."

He noted that hot and dry conditions pulled yields down in Nebraska and Kansas while a store that passed through the central Corn Belt before harvest damaged crops in key corn growing states like Iowa and Illinois.

"However, despite this kind of adversity, our growers once again showed their true skills and knowledge when it comes to production agriculture," Klein said.

Winners of this year's NCYC will be recognized at the 2001 Commodity Classic, the annual combined convention and trade show of the NCGA and the American Soybean Association Feb. 25-27 in San Antonio,

Texas. Along with national recognition, winners receive prizes from participating seed and crop protection companies.

Contest participants also improve their operations by getting a unique opportunity to compare their own proven corn production capabilities with farmers in their states and across the country. The NCYC's goal is to educate farmers on improving their methods of production to increase profitability while addressing environmental concerns.

A complete list of winners will be posted on the NCGA web site www.ncga.com.

Following are class descriptions: Class AA States: This combines corn growers from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin; Class A States: The 41 continental U.S. states, not included in the list of AA states.

Following is a list of winners.

NON-IRRIGATED CLASS

James Justice, Beckley, Virginia, West Virginia, Pioneer, 3245, 265.139 bushels per acre.

Bobby Woodall, Decherd, Tennessee, Tennessee, Pioneer, 31G98, 254.8 bushels per acre.

David Peterson, Loretto, Kentucky, Kentucky, Pioneer, 33J56, 252.214 bushels per acre.

AA NON-IRRIGATED CLASS

Francis Childs, Manchester, Iowa, Iowa, Pioneer, 34B24, 357.306 bushels per acre.

Scott Hoerr, Quincy, Missouri, Illinois, Pioneer, 32J49, 282.929 bushels per acre.

Kathy Little, Hebron, Indiana, Indiana, Pioneer, 34B24, 251.878 bushels per acre.

NO TILL/STRIP TILL NON-IRRIGATED CLASS

David Hula, Charles City, Virginia, Virginia, Pioneer, 33Y11, 308.585 bushels per acre.

Jay Justice, Beckley, Virginia, West Virginia, Pioneer, 3245, 272.412 bushels per acre.

Tim Bishop, Queenstown, Maryland, Maryland, Campbell, 695BT, 254.407 bushels per acre.

AA NO TILL/STRAP TILL NON-IRRIGATED CLASS

Anna Hoerr, Quincy, Missouri, Illinois, Pioneer, 32J49, 277.839 bushels per acre.

Rick Unger, Greenfield, Ohio, Ohio, Pioneer, 33Y18, 269.632 bushels per acre.

Robert Little, Hebron, Indiana, Indiana, Pioneer, 33J24, 255.063 bushels per acre.

TILL IRRIGATED CLASS

Kenneth Beaver, Sterling, Nebraska Nebraska, Pioneer, 33P67, 289.551 bushels per acre.

Mark Millard, Hermiston, Washington, Oregon, Pioneer, 33P66, 278.488 bushels per acre.

Kevin Cobb, Davisboro, Georgia, Georgia, Pioneer, 3163, 271.038 bushels per acre.

A RIDGE TILL NON-IRRIGATED CLASS

James Wise, M.D., Weleetka, Oklahoma,

Oklahoma, Pioneer, 35N05, 226.067 bushels per acre.

Santino Santini, Stewartsville, New Jersey, New Jersey, DeKalb, DK589RR, 222.748 bushels per acre.

John Hilderbrand, Tallulah, Louisiana, Louisiana, Pioneer, 31R88, 216.69 bushels per acre.

AA RIDGE TILL NON-IRRIGATED CLASS

Porter Farms, Mercer, Iowa, Missouri, Pioneer, 32P76, 257.744 bushels per acre.

Darrell Klein, Liberty, Indiana, Indiana, Pioneer, 33J24, 238.488 bushels per acre.

Gary Neal Porter, Mercer, Iowa, Missouri, Pioneer, 32P76, 223.233 bushels per acre.

RIDGE TILL IRRIGATED CLASS

Chris Beaver, Sterling, Nebraska, Nebraska, Pioneer, 32M38, 303.1798 bushels per acre.

William and Lora Sharkey, Hermiston, Oregon, Oregon, Pioneer, 33B50, 275.926 bushels per acre.

Mike Meads, Hermiston, Oregon, Oregon, Pioneer, 33R87, 261.437 bushels per acre.

IRRIGATED CLASS

Leila Beaver, Sterling, Nebraska, Nebraska, Pioneer, 33B51, 305.974 bushels per acre.

Clarkind Farms, Tulare, California, California, Pioneer, 32J55, 291.547 bushels per acre.

Alvin Harns & Sons, Inc., Pasco, Washington, Washington, Pioneer, 34W67, 289.81 bushels per acre.

Penn State Educator Receives National Diversity Award

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Patreese Ingram, assistant professor of agricultural and extension education in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, received the USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service's "National Annual Award for Diversity" for her exceptional leadership in diversity education.

"This award recognizes the cultural sensitivity and appreciation for diversity in Dr. Ingram's programming, as well as the large number and variety of people she's reached," said Ted Alter, associate vice president for outreach and director of Penn State Cooperative Extension. "She has provided extraordinary leadership and made an uncommonly significant contribution towards the achievement of diversity in extension programming."

"This is a very special honor and the highest national award that is given within the land-grant system for diversity," said Marilyn Corbin, Penn State Cooperative Extension's state pro-

gram leader for children, youth, and families. "We are most proud and pleased that Dr. Ingram has earned it."

By the year 2056, people of color — including African Americans, Hispanics, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts — are expected to be the majority population in the United States. As our society becomes more diverse, Ingram explains, it's important that we learn to appreciate and understand our differences and to work effectively with people who are unlike ourselves.

"We may not see diversity in our immediate community," she said, "but our children will experience it."

Ingram's programs are designed to increase people's

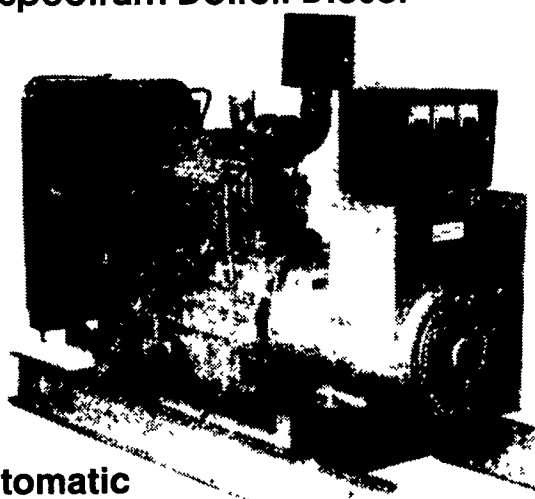
awareness and appreciation of differences, as well as their ability to communicate and relate effectively with diverse populations. These differences may include age, class, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, and spiritual practice. Her programs have impacted many people in the state. She also has reached people in other states through her Website (<http://AgExtEd.cas.psu.edu/FCS/pimenu.html>), publications, articles in national journals, and presentations at national conferences and meetings.

The National Diversity Award is sponsored by the Subcommittee on Extension Diversity, a national subcommittee of the Personnel and Organization Development Committee of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

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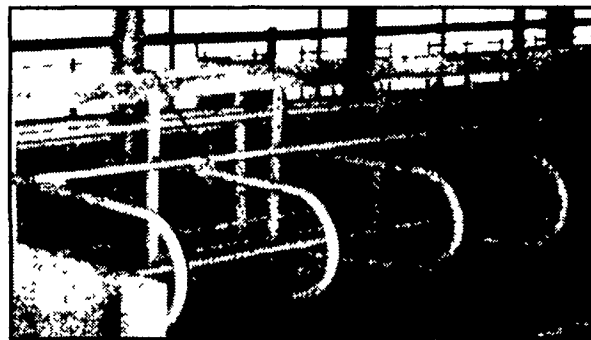
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