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WESTMORELAND CNTY

JOHN & ROBERT GRAHAM		BOLIVAR	
KATE	30,509	911	976
45	28,878	1067	882

EDWIN JOHNSON		AIRVILLE	
MAXIE	31,746	1208	1006
MILKY	25,817	1052	865
MALIBU	25,597	1053	817
GERTI	26,099	958	810
CASEY	27,952	951	810
ROSE	26,339	1043	809
MERRI	25,758	1023	805

HEINDEL & SONS		BROGUE	
1145	29,068	1080	950
SALLY	25,659	1169	854

STATE OF MARYLAND

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS FARM INC	STREET		
722	40,480	1593	1186
813	32,584	1219	949
663	30,455	1191	936
181	31,361	929	912
861	25,731	1129	857
776	30,290	1150	856
180	30,143	1212	851
152	30,958	1140	845
782	27,683	1154	825
864	28,074	1040	817
856	28,425	867	812
761	31,992	1054	808
788	29,252	1159	800

JONAS & RUTH STOLTZFUS

425	31,791	1380	940
410	30,124	1056	863
985	27,304	1145	826

CARL BENDER		MILLINGTON	
SAGE	33,638	1122	854

EUGENE ESHLEMAN		HAGERSTOWN	
ET19	27,874	1096	850

ART MAUST		GRANTSVILLE	
ALMOND	29,709	998	821

STAFF-HERD FARMS		ELKTON	
06	28,874	1214	805

STATE OF DELAWARE			
SWARTZENTRUBER HOMESTEAD		GREENWOOD	
420	34,085	858	915

Weigh Wagon Comparisons Can Evaluate Crop Hybrids

DES MOINES, Iowa — Harvest is rapidly approaching, and its time to schedule weigh wagon checks to measure and compare yields of corn hybrids and soybean varieties.

Taking the time can be well worth the effort, because weigh wagon comparisons provide valuable information about hybrid and variety performance based on local conditions. This is

information that can be used in selecting seed for next year.

"Seed companies such as Pioneer provide producers with a lot of information about hybrid and variety characteristics ranging from yield to disease resistance on all their commercial products," says Danny Greene, technical information manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred Interna-

tional, Inc., in Bloomington, Ill. "This information helps producers select the right products for their farms. However, the bottom line in the decision process is how a specific hybrid or variety performed in the producer's own field.

"Making weigh wagon comparisons each year gives producers this information. And

collecting data for several years at multiple locations gives a producer a real picture of the value of a hybrid or variety," Greene explains.

Weigh wagon comparisons are also a good way to evaluate how new genetics are performing under local conditions and how well a variety or hybrid performs against a competing product. "Pioneer does not win every side-by-side comparison, but we use all the yield data from weigh wagon comparisons to help with future improvements in the company's seed product line,"

says Greene.

Confirming test weights of harvested corn and soybeans is another benefit of completing several weigh wagon comparisons each year. "All hybrids and varieties do not have the same test weight," says Greene. "Making a visual evaluation on the volume or yield doesn't give a producer the complete information about a hybrid or variety. The majority of time, grain produced using Pioneer seed has a higher test weight than grain grown from competitive products."

New Legume Available To Increase Nitrogen In Soil

FLASHER, N.D. — David Krause, owner of Dakota Frontier Seeds, announced that AC Greenfix, a variety of chickling vetch (*Lathyrus sativus*) also known as grass pea or grassy peavine, is now available in the U.S. for farmers looking for an alternative way to increase nitrogen in the soil. This legume has the ability to fix high amounts of nitrogen in the soil with both green manuring and no-till methods.

AC Greenfix is the legume of choice for green manuring (or greenfallow) because of its unique drought tolerance and ability to fix high amounts of nitrogen in only eight to 10 weeks from emergence to full bloom.

In a four-year test, on-farm trials produced an average of 100 pounds per acre of total nitrogen. In Canada, where the seed was developed, research test plots have achieved a high of 210 pounds of nitrogen per

acre. AC Greenfix can tolerate some frost; which enables growers to seed early in the spring. It also survives well during drought and heat, and it responds well to irrigation, making it suitable for a variety of climates and soil types. AC Greenfix has great potential as a soil-improving crop and as an alternative to commercial fertilizers. A seeding rate of 70 to 80 pounds per acre is suggested for green manuring, or 50 pounds per acre for seed production. Cost of seed is 50 cents per pound.

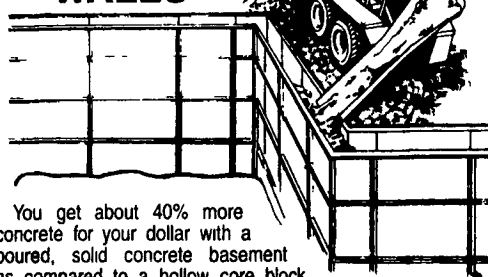
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