

# Childs Walks Away With NCGA CYC For Third Consecutive Year

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — For the third consecutive year, Francis Childs of Manchester, Iowa, with a record-breaking yield of 408.2 bushels per acre, has once again walked away with the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) 2001 National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC). The previous record was 393.7 bushels per acre fielded by, (surprise!) Childs.

He wasn't alone in his success. More than 3,200 growers from 45 states entered the contest. The resulting top yields from farmers who placed first, second and third places in the respective categories ranged from 408.2 to 224.8 bushels per acre.

Success in the face of adversity was the story of corn

growers in 2001. Nature sent the usual challenges of flood, hail, drought and heat. "The NCYC's goal is to educate farmers on improving their methods of production to increase profitability while addressing environmental concerns," said Tim Hume, NCGA president and corn grower from Walsh, Colo.

As an example of the environmental concerns, this year's national winners used an average of .95 pounds of nitrogen per bushel of yield, well within accepted agronomic recommendations. "This contest showcases the production potential of corn, the nation's number-one crop and our growers certainly did that this year," Hume said.

Hume went on to say,

using another sports example, the Corn Yield Contest is similar to setting the land speed record with a car. "Only a few people can actually do it, but the rest of us are interested in the potential an automobile has."

Winners of this year's NCYC will be recognized at the 2002 Commodity Classic, the annual combined convention of the NCGA and the American Soybean Association, Feb. 21-23 in Nashville, Tenn. Along with national recognition, winners receive prizes from sponsoring seed companies 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.

"As we close the 2001 contest and begin work on 2002," Hume concluded, "we thank the harvest supervisors in the communities for the hard work that keeps the National Corn Yield Contest a high-quality, credible contest. Finally, we congratulate the contestants and look forward to seeing their entries in the 2002 contest."

Watch [www.ncga.com](http://www.ncga.com) for a complete list of state winners.

Following are the 27 national winners by class:

**A Non-Irrigated Class**  
David W Hatton, Salt Lick, KY, KY, Pioneer, 33R77, 294.1783 bushels per acre, Schwenke Bros, Union, KY, KY, Pioneer, 31G98, 275.8202 bushels per acre; and J M Souza Farms Inc., Lodi, CA, CA, Pioneer,

33B50, 274 2533 bushels per acre  
**AA Non-Irrigated Class**  
Francis Childs, Manchester, IA, IA, Pioneer, 34M95, 408 2187 bushels per acre, Ira Wagler, Montgomery, IN, IN, Pioneer, 33P67, 281 1339 bushels per acre; and Norman Wagler, Montgomery IN, IN, Pioneer, 33P67, 262.953 bushels per acre.

**A No Till/Strip Till Non-Irrigated Class**  
David K Hula, Charles City, VA, VA, Pioneer, 32H58, 309 5031 bushels per acre, Coastal Carolina Farms Inc, Mocksville, NC, NC, Pioneer, 31G98 254.0245 bushels per acre, and Keith Wood, Andrews, NC, NC, Pioneer, 32H58 247 2877 bushels per acre

**AA No Till/Strip Till Non-Irrigated Class**  
Scott D Hoerr, Quincy, MO, MO, Pioneer, 34B28, 264.8958 bushels per acre; Mike Comer, Scottsburg, IN, IN, Pioneer, 33J24; 263.3856 bushels per acre; and Anna Hoerr, Quincy, MO, MO, Pioneer, 33P67, 261 9256 bushels per acre.

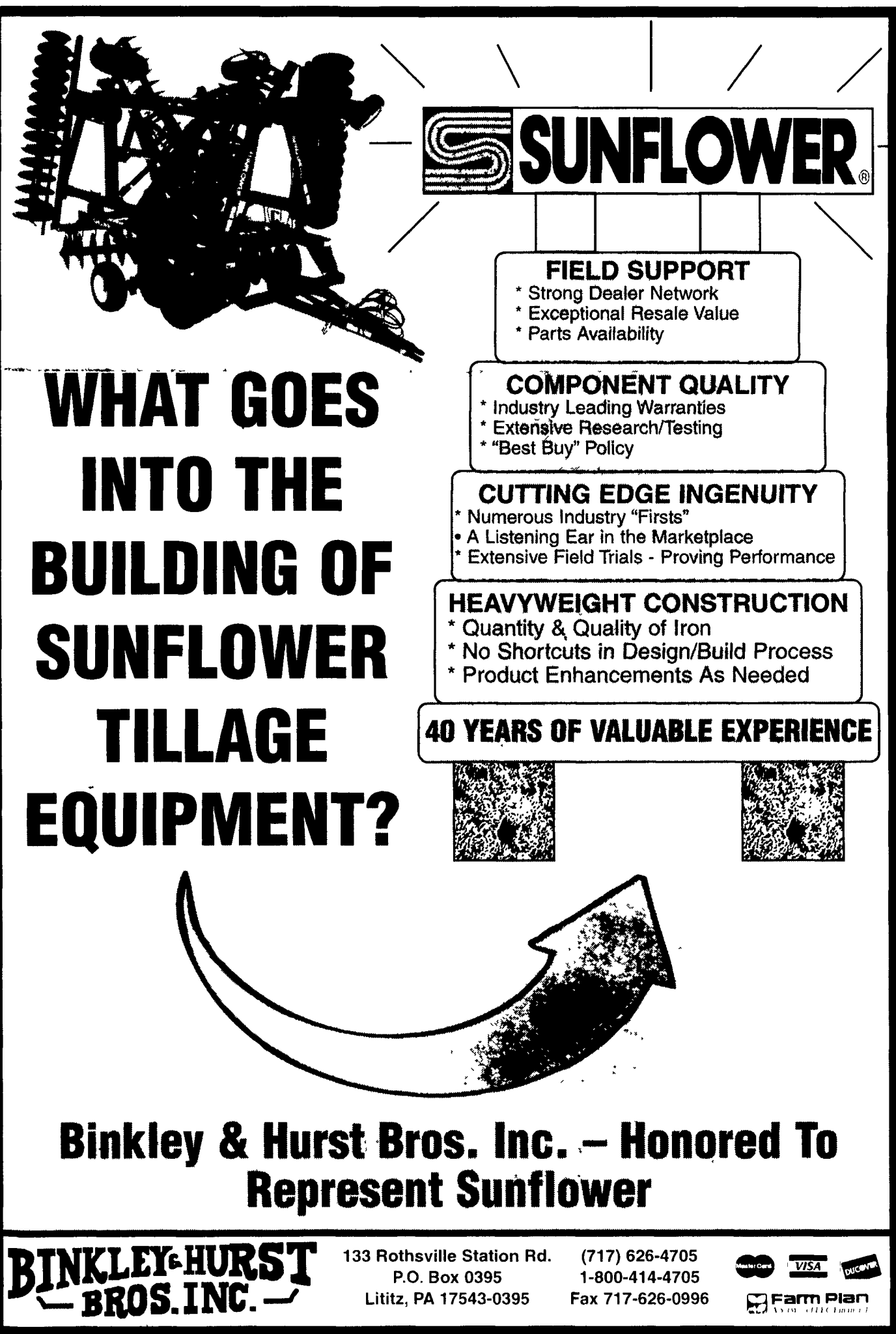
**No Till/Strip Till Irrigated Class**  
Kenneth Beaver Jr., Sterling, NE, NE, Pioneer, 33P67, 312 4394 bushels per acre; Mike Meads, Hermiston, OR, OR, Pioneer, 34W67, 296.9025 bushels per acre; and Alvin Harris & Sons Inc, Pasco, WA, WA, Pioneer, 33B50, 294.2361 bushels per acre.

**A Ridge Till Non-Irrigated Class**  
Blaine Anthony, Talmage, NE, NE, Pioneer, 33R77, 260.0925 bushels per acre, Jon Marshall Hardwick, Newellton, LA, LA, Pioneer, 3223, 229.622 bushels per acre, and Charles Haines, Sudlersville, MD, MD, DEKALB, DKC56-71, 224 7814 bushels per acre.

**AA Ridge Till Non-Irrigated Class**  
Eldon Gohn, Rochester, IN, IN, Pioneer, 34M95, 238 1005 bushels per acre; Cox Farms, Delta, MO, MO, Pioneer, 31G98, 234 3516 bushels per acre; and Roger W. Wolfe, Baltimore, OH, OH, Pioneer, 33J24, 234.2205 bushels per acre.

**Ridge Till Irrigated Class**  
Phil and Kayla Sharkey, Hermiston OR, OR, Pioneer, 33B50, 323 6595 bushels per acre, Chns Beaver, Sterling, NE, NE, Pioneer, 33B51, 318 6327 bushels per acre, and Marty Meads, Hermiston, OR, OR, Pioneer, 33P66, 308 839 bushels per acre

**Irrigated Class**  
Leila B Beaver, Sterling, NE, NE, Pioneer, 33B51, 321.3017 bushels per acre, Milferd Nichols, Dalhart, TX, TX, Pioneer, 33B51, 313.2789 bushels per acre, and Bruce McDaniel, Clayton, NM, NM, Pioneer, 32P75, 299 3249 bushels per acre.



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