NGSP Announces Winners

LUBBOCK, Texas - The National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) has announced the winners of the 2001 National Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest.

The contest entries "reflect the expertise, diligence, and management skills our members apply to their livelihoods," said Ken Rose, NGSP Yield and Management Contest chairman from Keyes, Okla. National first-, second-, and third-place winners as well as state winners were recognized at an awards banquet during the 2002 Grain Sorghum Industry Conference in the San Francisco Bay Area in February.

Winners of the contest, which includes five divisions, are determined by the amount a contestant's yield exceeds the five-year average yield in that contestant's county as determined by the USDA's National Ag Statistics Service.

Special food-grade sorghum award winner in nonirrigated categories is Duane L. Vorderstrasse of Thayer County, Neb. His field of Producers Hybrids 79 yielded 143.72 bushels per acre, outpacing the county average by 59.62 bushels.

Among irrigated categories, special food-grade sorghum award winner was Long Family Partnership of Texas County, Okla. Their field of Asgrow Eclipse yielded 124.85 bushels per acre, beating the county average yield by 49.45 bushels.

B & M Farms (Roberts Living Trust) of Hockley County, Texas, walked away with national first place honors in the conventional-till, irrigated division with a yield of 165.94 bushels per acre on their field of Asgrow 581, topping the fiveyear county average by 108.24 bushels.

First place nationally in the conventional-till, nonirrigated division went to Lawrence Farm of Bond County, Ill. Their field of Pioneer 84G62 turned out a yield of 164.72 bushels per acre, exceeding the county average by 75.32 bushels.

National first place winner in the mulch-till, nonirrigated division was Hundley Bros. Farms of Acadia County, La. Their yield of 137 16 bushels per acre on their field of Pioneer 83G66 exceeded the county average by 82.66 bushels.

Placing first nationally in the no-till, nonirrigated division was William Hardwick of Tensas County, La. Hardwick's yield of 166.96 bushels per acre on his field of Asgrow Missile topped the five-year county average by 88.96 bushels.

Mark and Ron Clancy Farms of Texas County, Okla., took the first place national award in the reduced-till, irrigated division. with a yield of 163.54 bushels per acre on their field of Pioneer 84G62. That compares to the five-year county average of 75.4 bushels per acre.

National second place honors in the conventional-till, irrigated division went to Ron Smith Farms, Inc. of Jasper County, Mo. Their field of Pioneer 84G62 turned out a yield of 159.42 bushels per acre. topping the county average by 77.22 bushels.

In the conventional-till, nonirrigated division, Hundley Brothers Farms of Acadia County, La., placed second nationally, with their field of Pioneer 83G66 producing 129.03 bushels per acre. That tops the county average by 74.53 bushels.

Second place honors nationally in the mulch-till, nonirri-

gated division went to Jerry Guenther, of Wilson County, Kan. Guenther's field of Pioneer 84G62 turned out 159.10 bushels per acre, topping the county average by 76.90 bushels.

Effenbeck Farms, Inc. of Thayer County, Neb., took national second place honors in the no-till, nonirrigated division with their field of NC° 7B47. Their plot, which earned the "Bin Buster" award for highest nonirrigated yield in the contest, turned out 169.95 bushels per acre compared with the county average of 84.1 bushels.

Terry and Steve Gaunt of Barton County, Kan., placed second nationally in the reduced-till, irrigated division. Their field of Pioneer 84G62 produced 173.60 bushels per acre, earning them the "Bin Buster" award for highest irrigated yield in the contest and topping the county average by 76.60 bushels.

In the conventional-till, irrigated division, Joe B. Burford of

Curry County, N.M., placed third nationally, with his field of Asgrow A-581 yielding 135.11 bushels per acre and topping the county average by 63.71 bushels.

Donald W. Bloss, of Pawnee County, Neb., placed third nationally in the conventional-till, nonirrigated division, with a yield of 159.97 bushels per acre on his field of Dekalb DKS 54-00. That tops the county average by 72.57 bushels.

National third place in the mulch-till, nonirrigated division went to Martin Smith of Baca County, Colo. Smith's yield of 109.12 bushels per acre on his field of Dekalb 28E beat the county average of 36.4 bushels.

In the no-till, nonirrigated division, Kevin Struss of Graham County, Kan., placed third nationally. His field of Asgrow A-459 turned out a yield of 154.67 bushels per acre, topping the county average of 77.4 bushels.

National third place award in the reduced-till, irrigated division went to LaMoine Smith, of Kearney County, Neb. His field of Dekalb DK54c yielded 166.26 bushels per acre, topping the county average by 70.76 bushels.

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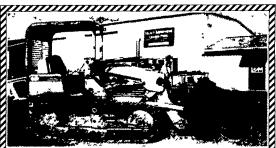
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