

Seedway's Bailey Tops Cornell University Spring Barley Trials

HALL, N.Y.—Bailey barley from Seedway, Inc. has topped the Cornell University 2002 spring barley yield trials with an average yield of 55.7 bushels per acre over seven years.

This outstanding performance demonstrates the consistency and dependability of Bailey barley over time and across varied environments.

In addition to its superior yield performance, Bailey barley

also recorded a very good lodging rating in the trials.

Introduced in 2001, Bailey barley was named for the late Lyndon Bailey, longtime Seedway, Inc. dealer and employee.

High-Energy Forages Focus Of Meetings

KINZER (Lancaster Co.)—King's AgriSeeds hosted High Energy Forage Seminars recently with 290 attendees enjoying information packed meetings.

The meetings were conducted Feb. 16 at Loganton and Feb. 17 at Kinzer.

"Our goal was to inform dairy farmers and the dairy industry that there are many exciting forage products on the market that can help farmers increase their profitability."

Lyn Crabtree, a nutritionist from Illinois, gave an example of how high energy forages saved one farmer with 85 cows \$27,302 in one year. Part of the producer's goal was to reduce ration costs but at the same time maintain cow productivity and possibly increase cow health.

A 24,000 pound herd average was being maintained, but increased profitability was important to help bring a son into the business. Milk production was trending upward and herd health was also excellent.

The ration with high energy forages saved the farmer 88 cents per cow per day, just by growing improved forages. Crabtree pointed out that farmers need to adopt these new forage genetics and their management to get the "wood" out of their rations. Energy is the

limiting factor for balancing rations and too much grain is hard on the milking herd.

Don Schwartz, extension agent from Washington County, Maryland, spoke on double-cropping annual and Italian ryegrasses with corn for silage and BMR sorghum sudangrass. In his area, farmers are getting three or more tons of dry matter of super quality forage from the ryegrass, plus getting a great crop of either corn silage or sorghum sudangrass. The ryegrass requires high nitrogen inputs and removes a high rate of phosphorus. Put it in combination with corn or sorghum sudangrass, and it is an excellent system for farms that are pushing nutrient management requirements. For farmers wanting more information on managing annual and Italian ryegrass, Don Schwartz and Stan Fultz from University of Maryland have developed a fact sheet. Balage, trench silos, and grazing are the preferred harvest systems for ryegrass.

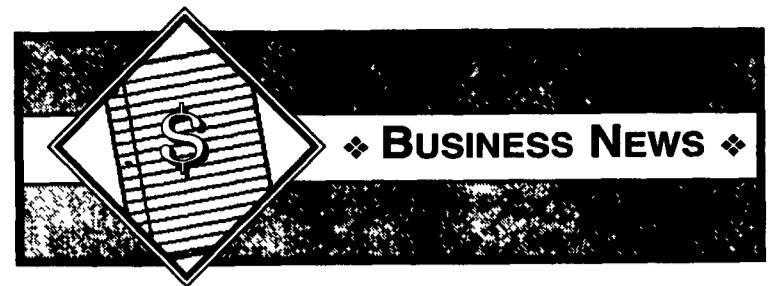
Tim Fritz said, "for farmers running short of corn silage, it was suggested for those who have annual or Italian ryegrass already seeded last fall to take three cuttings this spring (approximately April 20, May 10, and May 25), and then to double-crop BMR sorghum su-

dangrass on a portion of their acreage. This combination will give quick high quality forage instead of waiting 100 plus days for a corn silage crop."

John Rucker from Master Choice spoke about his MC-615 and MC-520Q corn that makes super corn silage. These two hybrids have very high sugar, low lignin, and excellent digestibility all with excellent standability.

Also featured on the program was Dr. Bob Fry, DVM, a practicing veterinarian and dairy owner, who spoke about his high production grazing system on the eastern shore of Maryland.

Other speakers included Tim Fritz, King's AgriSeeds agronomist, who spoke on King's AgriSeeds alfalfa varieties and Endura Kura Clover. Tim Guttridge from Barenbrug USA spoke on forage management and how it effects productivity.



Mycogen Seeds Announces 17 New Grain Corn Hybrids

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Mycogen Seeds recently announced the commercial advancement of 17 new grain corn hybrids. Thirteen of the new hybrids will be available for planting in 2003, while the remaining four hybrids will be available for test plots in 2003 and planting in 2004. The new hybrids range in maturity from 81 to 117 days.

"This announcement carries on our strong tradition of excellence in new product development and our emphasis on keeping our new product pipeline full," says Steven Smith, grain corn marketing specialist with Mycogen Seeds. "In 2002, Mycogen Seeds has introduced 37 grain corn hybrids, 16 soybean varieties, nine silage hybrids and three sunflower hybrids to better serve its growers' changing needs."

The newly commercialized

hybrids offer a variety of genetics to suit the diverse agronomic challenges of corn growers throughout the Corn Belt. Traits include Roundup Ready®, YieldGard®, and Clearfield™ technologies.

In addition, five of the hybrids are available with Gaucho® seed-applied insecticide, which protects germinating seed from damage and stand loss caused by wireworms, seedcorn maggots and other secondary pests.

"We're pleased by the success these new hybrids have exhibited throughout the development process," says Jim Radtke, director of research with Mycogen Seeds. "Mycogen Seeds' leading trait technology, and research and development continue to show great promise. Our new product development process continues to deliver products that benefit our growers

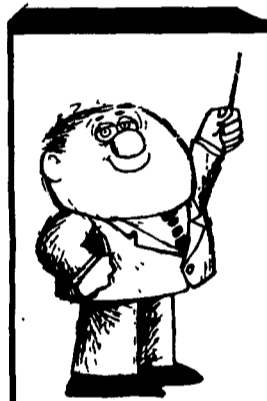
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"These new tillers allow us to complement our landscape equipment line with 13 models of rotary tillers," says Steve Geick, sales manager, Frontier marketing group. "They are not

only designed for the homeowner, but the rental fleet and commercial customer as well."

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