

Five-Acre Corn Club, Soybean Contest Winners Announced

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and Soybean Conference drew approximately 125 producers and industry representatives to a one-day event conducted here at the

Holiday Inn.

The Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association (PCGA), Pennsylvania Soybean Board, and Penn State Cooperative Extension sponsored the event.

Contest results are also a highlight of the conference. There were 67 participants in the Five-Acre Corn Club contests, according to Greg Roth, corn management research, and extension, Penn State.

In the three-year average (2000-2002) classes, awards went to:

Ear Corn Class (3-year average):

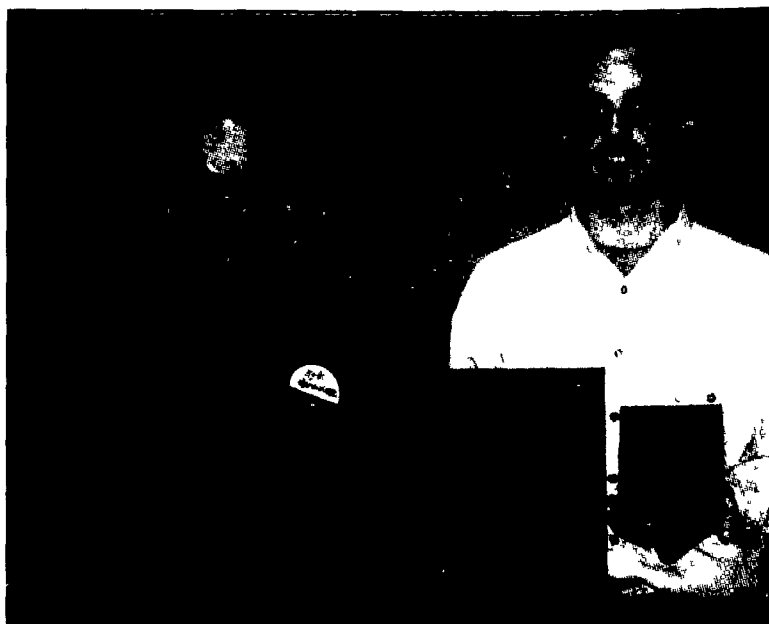
- Kenneth Glazier, McConnellsburg, took first place with an average of 202.9 bushels per acre with Hubner H3505.

- Second place went to Harry Johnston, McConnellsburg, with an average of 189.1 bushels per acre with Pioneer 33G26.

- Tim Gordon, also of McConnellsburg, won third place with an average of 166.8 bushels per acre with Pioneer 33G26.

Shelled Corn Tilled (3-year average):

- First place went to Matthew Maximuck, Doylestown, with an average of 184.6 bushels per acre with Dekalb DKC60-09.



At right Jason Haycock, Shippensburg, first place winner in the 2002 Pennsylvania Soybean Yield Contest, had yields of 71.23 bushels per acre. Kyle Henninger, Breinigsville, had a second place with 69.44 bushels per acre.

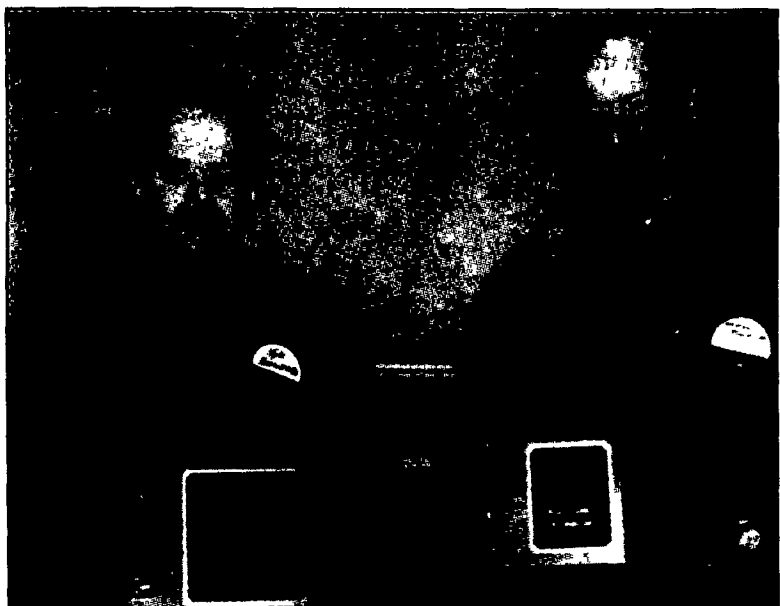
- Second place in the same class went to Robert Rook, Ivyland, who checked in with 162.3 bushels per acre using Pioneer 33Y18.

- Third place was Norman Jo-

dikinos, Clinton, with an average of 161.1 bushels per acre with Pioneer 34B23.

Shelled Corn No-Till Class

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Kyle Henninger, left, won the shelled corn no-till contest with 223.7 bushels per acre. With the win Henninger will go to the Commodity Classic this February in Charlotte, N.C. Last year Henninger won first place in both the Pennsylvania and national shelled corn no-till classes. Herman Manbeck, Womelsdorf, had a third in the shelled corn no-till class.

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really not expecting that we'd have to compete in the world market."

Because grain prices are so low, Brazil is also looking into poultry and swine production, she said.

U.S. producers need to "keep costs low beyond the farm gate all the way through — everything possible to help agriculture stay competitive."

First-class transport systems are also important, according to Zarley-Taylor.

"I can't believe that we've spent ten years debating about the locks and dams on the Mississippi River. If we want to stay competitive, it's an automatic."

She also urged American producers to capitalize on value-added options, since Brazil is dealing mostly in bulk.

"The challenge for us to realize is that the world has changed drastically. As we look into the future, we really need to develop strategies on how to cope with this," she said.

The afternoon program included speakers Sam Willet, director, public policy, National Grown Growers Association, and John Berry, ag marketing educator, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Lehigh County. The men discussed how to make the most of the Farm Bill.

A panel including Cliff Parker, RMA, director, Raleigh regional office; Gene Gantz, Ag Risk Strategies, Inc.; Rita McMullen, Stine, Davis, and Peck Insurance; and Kris Weaver, Morrissey Insurance Inc., discussed crop insurance.

New York Beef Industry Council's BEEFMAN A Winner

WESTMORELAND, N.Y.—The results are in and "Beefman" has taken first place in the National Agri-Marketing Association's (NAMA) regional public relations competition.

The New York Beef Industry Council (NYBIC) submitted a comprehensive report to NAMA detailing Beefman's objective and purpose, audience, communication strategies and evaluation.

Beefman, the nutrition mascot at the New York Beef Industry Council, made his debut on Beef Day at the 2001 New York State Fair. His mission to bring Z.I.P. (zinc, iron and protein) into the lives of children.

Beefman's primary audience is children, ages 6-12.

Entered under the "Producer-funded public relations program to consumers" category, Beefman will now advance to the national competition to be held in San Diego, Calif. in April.

Beefman is funded by beef producers through their \$1-per-head checkoff.

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