

CORNtalk

Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association

★ INCLUDES 5-ACRE CONTEST WINNERS ★

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Beverages, Brazil, Farm Bill Featured At Grain Conference

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GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — Even though snow still has an icy grip on Pennsylvania, producers couldn't help thinking about spring planting and next year's crop as they gathered recently at the Holiday Inn in Grantville for the 2003 Corn and Soybean Conference.

Top placings in the classes are in a related story on this page.

More than 100 producers and industry representatives attended the event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association, the Pennsylvania Soybean Board, and Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Dr. Peter Bordi, assistant professor, School of Hotel, Restaurant, and Recreation Management, Penn State, discussed a soy recovery drink developed on funds from Pennsylvania Soybean Promotion Board grant.

After the product was developed and tested (a process that took 15 months), it was moved on to consumer testing. The university's football team was picked as the group of consumers to try the product.

After practice, researchers asked the players opinions of the drink, which resembles a chocolate milkshake, according to Bordi. "The players actually developed the drink — they told us what they liked and didn't like," he said.

By NCAA rules, the drink could be no more than 30 percent protein. Pasteurized as Penn States Creamery, it has a shelf life of 30-45 days.

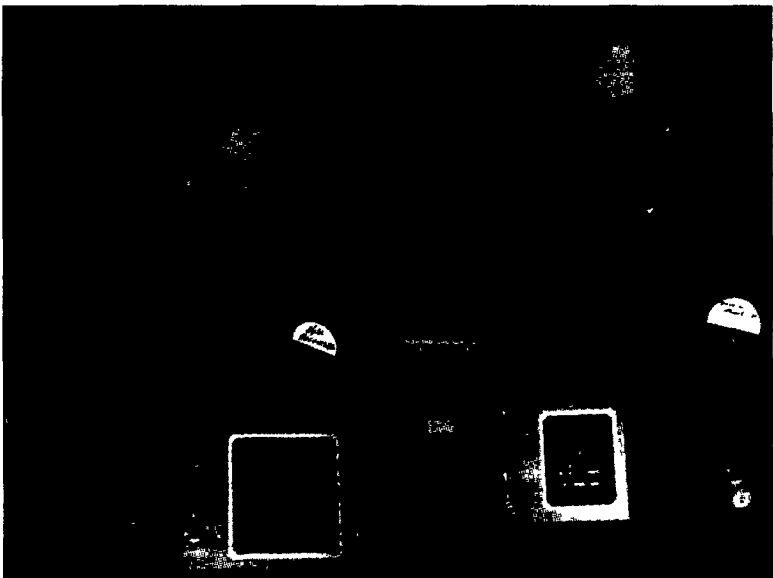
Besides taste, health benefits were also an important part of the project. Researchers gathered weight data, measured dietary intake, and took blood and urine samples. They also asked the players to rate their pain on a numerical scale.

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LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — PCGA officers and board members gathered for a meeting at the Landisville Research Farm last August. Seated, from left, are Russell McLucas, secretary; Guy Wagner, president; Jeff Werner, vice president; and Greg Roth, executive secretary. Standing, from left, are directors John Berry, Dan Wolf, Elwood Kyper, Steve Wenger, Jim Hershey, Mike Kuhns, John Yocum, and Matt Antos. Photo by Dave Lefever

Five-Acre Corn Club Announces Contest Winners At Annual Conference



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 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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Light Bars Guide Crop Planting

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MILLERSTOWN (Perry Co.) — Driving by sight and relying on disk marks and foam will be a thing of the past for farmers who opt to use digital technology to guide

their field equipment.

Using the traditional foam marker may prove to be challenging at times, said Calvin Eby, assistant service manager at Hooper Inc.

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GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — The recent Pennsylvania Corn 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 con-

tests, according to Greg Roth, corn management research, and extension, Penn State.

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

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Between The Rows

Dr. Greg Roth
Penn State Agronomy Associate Professor



MOVING OUR INDUSTRY FORWARD WITH PARTNERSHIPS

I do a lot of traveling around the region and the state, and I continue to hear many producers and industry folks ask what we need to be doing to move our corn and grain industry ahead in Penn-

sylvania in these trying times.

I think we are starting to make progress, but it's difficult to achieve much by working alone.

Many of us believe that just by working harder each day we can accomplish our goals, but I'm finding that by working together in partnerships

among industry, university, producers, and government, we can achieve things that one group cannot achieve alone.

I've seen numerous examples of this starting to happen in other regions and now starting to happen in our industry here in Pennsylvania as

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