

5-Acre Corn Club Contest Results

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Cultural Practice Summary

Management factor	Entries	Bu/A	%H2O	Population	%Down	%Barren
Cultivation						
No	55	139.5	22.8	26542	2.7	3.9
Yes	7	120.8	23.0	26122	4.9	6.8
Row Spacing (inches)						
30	47	142.9	23.2	26272	3.2	4.2
34	2	128.8	19.3	31084	1.8	3.2
36	3	112.6	19.6	25299	0.9	8.0
38	10	120.9	22.7	22211	2.7	3.4
Tillage						
Minimum	22	135.4	23.6	26351	3.9	4.8
Moldboard	12	123.3	22.2	23592	2.4	3.7
No-till	28	145.0	22.5	26143	2.5	3.9
Average all club members		137.4	22.8	25716	3.0	4.2

NCGA Encouraged By Introduction Of RFS Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Leaders of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) said they were encouraged by the introduction of a renewable fuels standard (RFS) bill in the Senate. "Passing a national RFS this year is NCGA's top legislative priority," said NCGA President Fred Yoder.

The bipartisan legislation, introduced today by Sen. Tom Daschle, D-SD, includes a scheduled required use of ethanol in the nation's motor fuel supply that gradually increases over the next eight years. According to the schedule, a required use of 2.3 billion gallons of ethanol is set for next year. By 2012 the requirement would be at 5 billion gallons.

"These numbers, appropriated two years ago, do not reflect the tremendous growth in ethanol production," said Yoder. "NCGA will work with the Senate to increase the gallon requirement, particularly in the early years of the program."

NCGA advocates a national RFS because it would provide a stable demand for the use of ethanol, while reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

"It is an important and timely piece of legislation," concluded Yoder. "With tensions swelling in Iraq, we need to focus on means for the United States to become more of an independent fuel producer."

The key provisions of the bill are identical to RFS legislation introduced in the 107th Congress. That measure, included in the Senate energy bill, survived three amendments to strike it but died when Congress adjourned.

Average Nitrogen (lb/acre) from fertilizer: 156
(does not include manure and previous crop credits)

Average starter fertilizer rate (lb/A): 169

Percentage of fields receiving a sidedress N application: 60%

Average sidedress N application (lb/A): 109

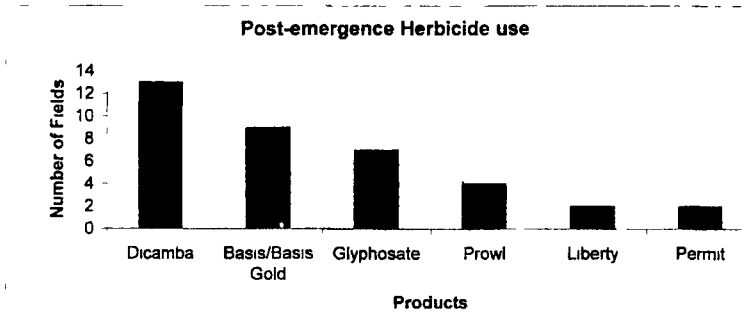
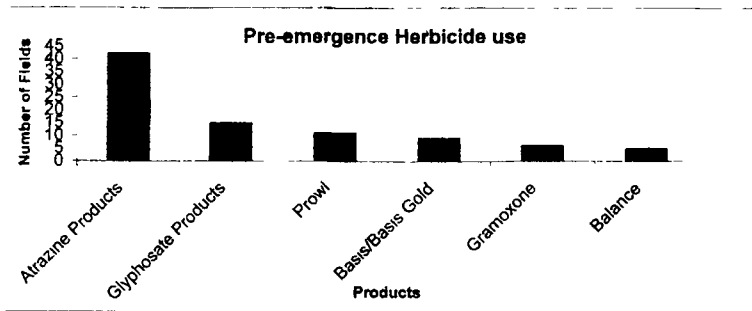
Percentage of fields receiving a row insecticide:

Previous crop	Percentage
corn	66.7%
alfalfa/hay	42.9%
soybeans	51.7%
wheat,barley	75.0%

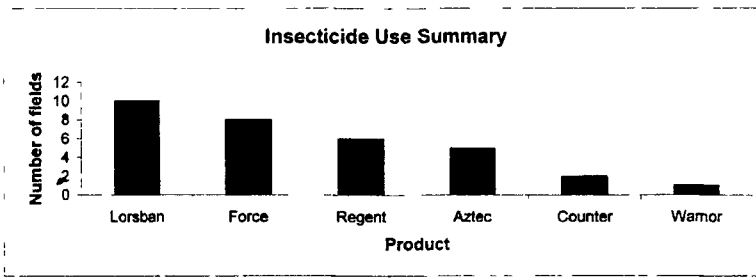
Percentage of fields where stalks will be chopped: 50.0%

Total corn acres grown by participants: 21045

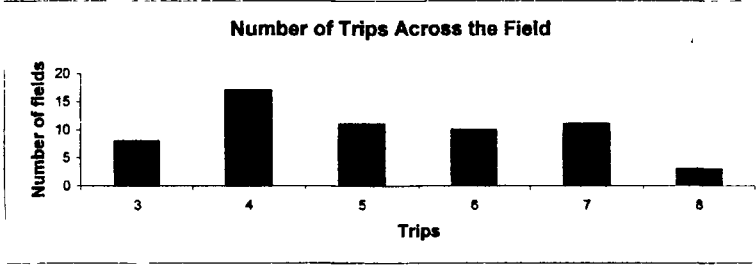
Below is a distribution of the most popular pre and post emergence herbicides



The graph below reflects the use of the soil insecticides reported in the Club



There was a wide variation in the number of trips made across Corn Club fields.



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