

# Join The Corn Growers Association

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Joining the Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association (PCGA) is easier than ever. A one-year membership is just \$30. You can join online at <https://gims.ncga.com/MEMBERNEW/Default.asp> or simply fill out the membership form and send to our address.

PCGA is continuing the Membership Incentive Program (MIP) this year. The theme of the program is "Try Something New."

Take this opportunity to experiment when you choose your free bag of seed corn. This seed corn company sponsored program entitles any PCGA/NCGA corn grower, who plants at least five acres of corn with a 3-year new or renewed membership, to a free standard size bag of seed.

To participate, simply complete the membership form indicating the brand of seed corn you would like to try, along with your check for the 3-year membership. You will then receive a certificate for a free bag of seed from the sponsoring company of your choice, along with your membership card from NCGA.

In consultation with the local seed corn dealer, you make the ultimate decision about which hybrid you will receive from the company you have selected. PCGA will send the names and addresses by brand chosen to the appropriate seed corn company's statewide contact person and they will contact you.

In addition, you'll be joining thousands of other growers across the country who are showing their sup-

port for the corn industry. Locally, you'll be supporting PCGA's activities such as *Corn Talk*, our corn or crops conference, and local corn promotion activities.

## Membership Program Awards Prizes For Recruiters

Now you can help the PCGA get new members and win some valuable prizes.

The PCGA is participating in a new membership program sponsored by NCGA and Syngenta to reward folks who recruit members for our association. To qualify, you need to recruit five new members in one of the next three months.

Prizes will be awarded to the top recruiters who have recruited a minimum of five new members in Pennsylvania for each

month. In January, the prize will be a Palm Pilot. In February, the prize will be a \$300 gift certificate to Sears. In March, the prize will be a gourmet ham plus a \$100 gift certificate for groceries at a local supermarket.

To participate, make copies of the PCGA membership form in *Corn Talk*. Ask folks to complete the membership form and put your name on the Recruiter line on the bottom, and then send the form to the PCGA office. Or they can join online (<https://gims.ncga.com/MEMBERNEW/Default.asp>) and enter your name in the appropriate line on the application. We'll keep a record of the awards and send the prize to the qualifying recruiter at the end of the month.



## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Farm \_\_\_\_\_ Corn Acres \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

PCGA and NCGA dues for one year \$30

**Special! Three years for \$75**

Make checks payable to: PCGA

Send to: PCGA

P.O. Box 304

State College, PA 16804

## Try Something New

Growers who harvest more than 5 acres of corn each year and sign up for a 3 year membership qualify to receive a free unit of seed corn of their choice from the participating seed company listed below

(If you qualify please indicate your choice below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agway Farm Seeds       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Hybrids (Keystone Group) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemgro Seeds          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairyland Hybrids             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doeblers Inc           | <input type="checkbox"/> Garst Seeds                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monsanto/Dekalb/Asgrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Mycogen Seeds                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NC+ Hybrids            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Hi-Bred Int           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seedway                | <input type="checkbox"/> Syngenta Seeds                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mid Atlantic Seeds     |  |

## NCGA Pleaded Disaster Aid May Finally Reach Farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) President Fred Yoder said the organization is pleased Congress is sending a \$3.1 billion disaster aid measure to the floor. Yet Yoder also expressed deep concerns about the source of funds being tapped to pay for the proposal.

"We are glad Congress is providing funds for farmers impacted by drought and floods," said Yoder. "But we are very disappointed they offset it with money from the Conservation Title of the farm bill."

NCGA had strongly supported the savings offsets approved by the Senate last month as a more equitable method. To stay within a FY 03 appropriations spending cap of \$390 billion, the Senate

earlier approved a 2.9 percent across-the-board cut to fund agriculture disaster assistance and increases in Medicare payments.

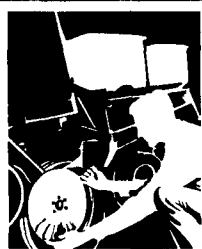
Yoder also said NCGA is troubled Congress did not reform the method of delivering disaster aid to better help farmers cope with future adverse weather conditions. "We need to put into place a mechanism that addresses disas-

ters in a far more effective way without having the usual fight over funding and delivery of funds," said Yoder. "Changes also must be made to ensure disaster programs treat crop insurance participants more fairly."

Yoder said NCGA will continue to advocate for such a measure. Last fall, Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.) introduced a bill backed by

NCGA, the Companion Disaster Assistance Program Act. Modeled after the private companion hail insurance policy, Graves' legislation would deliver graduated disaster payments to cover part of the deductible in federal crop insurance contracts and that vary with the degree of losses.

## Corn Planter Units Service Special



Next spring you'll have corn planting confidence if you have your planter units computer tested now!!

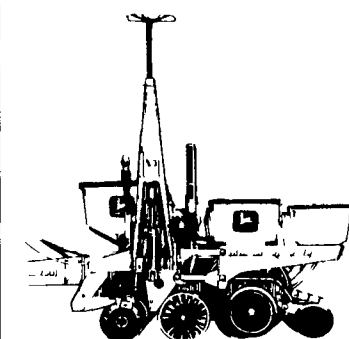
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Computer print out on each row.

\$10 per row unit tested.

\$15 per row unit cleaned and inspected.

Good until March 31, 2003.

All parts & labor required to bring units into specifications are extra.



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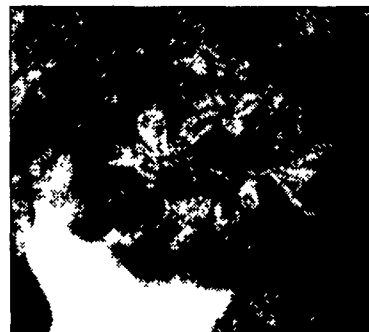
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## Cimarron ALFALFA SR

### Top Forage Quality

Cimarron SR produces larger leaves than other alfalfa varieties (See photo right). And it holds its leaves better in the field and in the baling process. The result is a leafier hay with higher protein and TDN. Break open a bale of Cimarron hay, and you can see the difference.



### High Yields - Long Stand Life

Cimarron SR is producing excellent yields in the Penn State trials. And unlike other alfalfa varieties Cimarron SR was bred on the East Coast, so it stands up well under the difficulties of Eastern conditions. You can count on Cimarron SR for long stand life and top productivity.

### Sclerotinia Resistance

Sclerotinia crown rot is a significant problem for alfalfa growers on the East Coast. Cimarron SR provides the protection against sclerotinia that growers need.

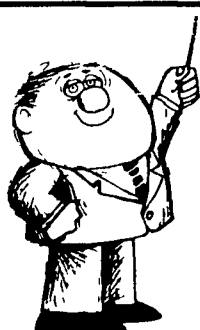
### Weevil Tolerance

Cimarron SR's unique alfalfa weevil tolerance reduces weevil damage by 50%. In a heavy infestation spraying can be cut in half. In lighter infestations, spraying can be avoided altogether.

For the dealer nearest you call:



**Wetzel, Inc.**  
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