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Daviess County Grain Demonstration Plot Results

The Daviess County Cooperative Extension Service and KCTCS Adult Farmer Education Program collaborate each year to conduct an expansive corn and soybean variety yield demonstration program. The following summarizes the three highest adjusted yields in seven of eight corn plot locations harvested at this time. Each data entry is a reflection of no less than two-tenths of an acre area within each field relative to the next harvested area planted in a different variety. These are the highest yields per plot area, not the entire farm average. Special thank you to the farmers who volunteer time and resources, which make this information available. Complete results of the plots listed below are on my website at http://daviess.mgcafe.uky.edu/anr.

The first corn plot was planted on April 16 and harvested on September 2 by Bill and Lucas Brey on their Ward Road farm at Whitesville. The highest adjusted yield in the field was Dyna-Gro D60TC45RIB at 302.7 bushels per acre. Second place was Revere 1839TC at 296.2 bushels per acre. Third place was Beck's 6473TCV2P at 287.9 bushels per acre.

The next corn plot was planted on April 23 and harvested on September 15 on land farmed by my family on Pond River Road at Curdsville. The highest adjusted yield in the field

was Revere 1839TC at 263.5 bushels per acre. Second place was Dyna-Gro D55TC86RIB at 255.5 bushels per acre. Third place was Beck's 6473TCV2P at 253.7 bushels per acre.

The third corn plot was planted on April 23 and harvested on September 17 at Gerald and Joel Boswell's farm on Ray Road at Blackford Creek. The highest adjusted yield in the plot was Dyna-Gro D60TC45RIB at 276.0 bushels per acre. Second place was FSInvision FS6447TRIB at 272.0 bushels per acre. Third place was Beck's 6973TCV2P at 271.0 bushels per acre.

The fourth corn plot was planted on May 1 and harvested on September 16 on Goetz Bros Farms Burton Road farm at Masonville. The highest adjusted yield was Beck's 6973TCV2P at 287.4 bushels per acre. Second Place was Dekalb DKC114-99RIB at 280.9 bushels per acre. Third place was Dyna-Gro D55TC86RIB at 274.2 bushels per acre.

The fifth corn plot was planted on April 30 and harvested on September 19 on the Short Station Road farm of Don and Brian Cecil at Knottsville. The highest adjusted yield in the plot was Dyna-Gro D60TC45RIB at 304.3 bushels per acre. Second place was Revere 1839TC at 299.6 bushels per acre. Third place was Beck's 6973TCV2P at 290.3 bushels per acre.

The sixth corn plot was a non-GMO field planted on April 24 and harvested on September 26 on the Nalley Road farm of Jeff and John Rice. The highest yield in the plot was Dekalb DKC64-19 at 257.0 bushels per acre. Second place was Beck's 6574PQ at 250.6 bushels per acre. Third place was Channel 214-78 at 244.2 bushels per acre.

The seventh corn plot was planted on May 2 and harvested on September 30 on the Highway 811 farm of Brian Neltner at Reed. The highest adjusted yield in the plot was Revere 1839TC at 223.3 bushels per acre. Second place was Dyna-Gro D60TC45RIB at 218.0 bushels per acre. Third place was Beck's 6700V2P at 216.0 bushels per acre.

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Consider Cover Crop

This time of year, we're reminded about the soil erosion caused as the combines and grain carts drive over and sometimes around washouts that developed during the growing season. Consider planting some cover crops in these field areas. A minimal investment of time and money will keep vegetation growing on the farm over winter and early spring, slowing water movement off the field, and reducing the risk of erosion. Wheat and cereal rye are the two most popular and effective at reducing erosion. While planting is underway, wheat can be planted until November 1 with the expectation of adequate growth prior to winter dormancy. The best tool for erosion reduction is to stop tilling the soil.