



## NEW YORK CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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### NEW YORK CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION 2008 CORN GRAIN AND SILAGE YIELD CONTEST

The New York Corn Growers Association (NYCGA) announces the New York Corn Grain and Corn Silage Yield Contest for 2008. This contest recognizes the best corn growers in New York. Winners from five regions, delineated by the New York Corn Growers Association, will be awarded for top grain and silage yields and will be invited as our guests to the Annual NY Corn Expo in January 2009.

Contest Entry forms can be found on line at [www.nycorn.org](http://www.nycorn.org), in the summer edition of the New York Corn Growers newsletter, county extension offices, NY Corn Growers tent at Empire Farm Days, or by contacting Rick Zimmerman at (518) 426 0214 or Steve VanVoorhis at (845) 746 1542. Entry form and check (made out to New York Corn Growers Assn.) should be sent to: Mike Stanyard, Wayne County CCE, 1581 Route 88N, Newark, NY 14513.

Entry fees:

Grain contest - \$30.00

Silage contest - \$50.00 (higher cost for the quality analyses by Dairy One).

#### **Contest Rules**

- 1) All entries must be received by August 15, 2008.
- 2) Entrants must identify a field(s) of five acres or more in size on the entry form. Each entrant can enter up to two contest entries for each category (corn grain and corn silage). Entrants must identify the specific field and the specific hybrid seed corn planted (along with any traits such as YG, RR, RW, BT, etc.) at the time of entry. Designated fields must be at least five acres in size with 1.25 continuous acres to be harvested from each field. Entry forms must be completed, signed and returned to Mike Stanyard at the address above. If the entry form is properly submitted, applicants will receive the appropriate Harvest Report Form.
- 3) A continuous area of at least 1.25 acres within a specific field must be harvested and accurately weighed in the presence of an unbiased supervisor (Extension Agent, private consultant, Cornell staff, an Agricultural Agency representative, disinterested industry representative, etc.). The harvested area must be exclusive of headlands and outside rows, and include more than one pass across the field. Grain corn can be weighed by calibrated and approved weigh wagons or certified scales. Silage can be weighed by approved weigh wagons or certified scales. On-farm scales can be used if certified or if the accuracy can be verified. If no scales or weigh wagons are available in the area, entrants may contact Mike Stanyard at Wayne County CCE, (315) 331- 8415, who will identify or contact individuals that can provide equipment or scales.
- 4) Any plots that yield more than 235 bushels per acre of grain (15% moisture) or 32 tons per acre of corn silage (at estimated 70% moisture) must have a second contiguous 1.25 acres harvested and weighed. The second 1.25 acres must adjoin the first harvested area. The average of the yields from the two harvested areas will be considered the final yield.
- 5) The unbiased supervisor will take grain or silage samples for an accurate moisture measurement. Corn silage samples must be submitted to Dairy One for moisture and quality analyses.
- 6) The applicant must fill out the Harvest Report Form and attach the weigh tickets along with the moisture percent information or moisture ticket. The unbiased supervisor of the harvesting operation must sign off on the completed Harvest Report Form. The completed Harvest Report Form must be sent to Mike Stanyard at the address listed above within 7 days of the harvest date or no later than December 1, 2008, whichever date is earlier.
- 7) The NYCGA Corn Contest Committee will determine the winners for each region based on corn grain yields at 15% moisture and corn silage yields at 70% moisture in addition to certain quality measurements.

8) Entrants in the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) Yield Contest who are also entrants in the NYCGA Yield Contest may use the NCGA Harvest Report Form to determine the contest yield. If using the NCGA Harvest Report Form, the NCGA Rules and procedures will apply in determining the final gain yield.

9) Contest entrants will be notified in January 2009 of the final yields and contest placements. The winners will be recognized at the New York Corn Growers Annual NY Corn Expo. The winners with the highest grain and corn silage yields in each of the five regions will receive a special NYCGA Corn Yield Contest jacket to be presented at the NY Corn Expo Lunch Meeting.

10) All contestants agree that the information on their Entry Form and Harvest Report Form may be used in informational releases and publicity of NYCGA and the Contest.

11) All decisions of the NYCGA's Contest Committee are final. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any entry without refund for violation of the stated rules and harvest procedures.

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