

## Late Fall Corn Update – Things Happening!

So, what does a corn Extension specialist do during the late fall after harvest is done? Well, quite frankly, a lot.

My team and I are analyzing trial and hybrid tests from this last season to see what we can learn and then working to put together information that we can share this winter.

Just some of the lessons so far:

- 1) Some hybrids are much better at finding and conserving water than others,
- 2) Row spacing and plant configuration play a large role in canopy temperature,
- 3) Nitrogen placement is important to nitrogen use efficiency, and
- 4) Some biological or yield-enhancing products are good investments while others don't have much impact.

Hopefully, we will be able to get you more information on each of these over the winter. In addition to working on research results we are busy trying to improve.

One case is how we conduct the corn yield contest. Right now, we are looking at recognizing county winners along with our regional and state winners and we are revamping the Corn Yield Club so that it notes the achievements of the very best growers in our state. (Have I mentioned we have a number of 300 + bushel per acre entries this year?)

We are considering other changes and will keep you informed. Like us, you are also probably looking to make improvements this coming year. If you need any assistance with that let me know how I can help. Just another way you can keep me busy!

## Your Assessment Dollars at Work

Earlier this year, Corn Growers Association of North Carolina awarded NC State Ag Economist Dr. Nick Piggott a small grant for creating a historical basis table with every purchasing point in North Carolina. With this tool you can see what a particular buying point is offering, what they've offered in the past, over as many as three years. This tool gives farmers the historical data to market their crops the

most profitably. We encourage you to try it out! Here's the link:

[https://dev.agecon.ces.ncsu.edu/price\\_record/](https://dev.agecon.ces.ncsu.edu/price_record/)

It's pretty self-explanatory, but if you need assistance, feel free to contact the Corn Growers office and we'll walk you through the process.

### 31st Annual Commodities Conference

It's about that time...time for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Commodities Conference at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham January 9 & 10. Registration is now open. Register now by going to [www.nccorngrowers.com](http://www.nccorngrowers.com). See the full agenda there and fill out your registration. As always, registration is free. Hotel rooms are still available.

### Associate Memberships to Corn Growers Association of North Carolina

We've had several requests for this benefit, and now it's official! Beginning January 1, 2020 Corn Growers Association of North Carolina will begin offering Associate Memberships to the trade and anyone else interested in the business of growing corn in North Carolina! You'll be able to sign up through National Corn Growers Association website ([www.ncga.com](http://www.ncga.com)), going to the **About NCGA** tab, and clicking on **Memberships**. Just fill in the blanks, and you're done! The cost will be \$50 a year, and you'll receive all the benefits NCGA has to offer their members. With that being said, Associate Members will not be eligible for a voting position on the Corn Growers Association of North Carolina Board of Directors.