Corn Hybrids For Silage, 1997

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Procedure

The 1997 Corn Hybrids Trials for Silage were conducted at three locations on experiment station land -- Mississippi State University, Coastal Plain Branch Experiment Station in Newton, and Brown Loam Branch Experiment Station in Raymond (see map). Two experiments were planted at each location.

One experiment was designed to determine silage yield and various components of forage quality, while the other experiment was designed to determine grain yield of each hybrid. In the silage yield experiment, plots consisted of rows 25 feet long and were spaced 30 inches apart. The grain yield experiment was identical in row spacing to the silage test, however row length was 16.75 feet. Experimental design was a randomized complete block with four replications.

Seed of all entries were supplied by participating companies and packaged for planting at rates of 24,000 or 28,000 seeds per acre as specified. A 4-row planter equipped with 31 cell cone units was used for planting. Established stands were not thinned. Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and lime were applied according to soil test recommendations. Weeds were controlled by cultivation and/or herbicides currently registered for use on corn with strict adherence to all label instructions. Lorsban was donated by Dow Elanco and banded at planting for insect control.

Silage was harvested with a 2-row silage harvester and the biomass from the entire plot was blown into an automatic weigh wagon. Chopped samples were collected from each plot for dry matter and forage quality determinations. Samples were placed in a forced draft oven at 140 degrees Fahrenheit until dry. Estimates for forage quality determined in these trials were crude protein, acid detergent fiber, estimated total digestible nutrients, net energy lactation, net energy gain, and net energy maintenance. Mineral analyses were made for calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, and potassium.

An Almaco SPC-20 plot combine was used to harvest the grain yield experiments. The harvested grain was weighed, the moisture content was determined, and grain yields were converted to bushels per acre at 15 percent moisture.

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DeKalb, IL 60115 | DK687  
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| Mycogen Seeds  
3600 N. Columbia  
Plainview, TX 79072 | TMF113 | 24 | 113 | M | S | S |
| Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l  
6767 Old Madison Pike  
Suite 110  
Huntsville, AL 35806 | 3085  
3223 | 24 | 124 | 116 | MH | MR | MR |
| Terra International, Inc.  
600 Fourth Street  
P.O. Box 6000  
Sioux City, IA 5112-6000 | TR1226 | 28 | 122 | M | S | S |

¹M = Medium; H = Hard; MH = Medium-Hard.
²MDMV = Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus; MCDV = Maize Chlorotic Dwarf Virus (corn stunt); S = Susceptible; R = Resistant; MR = Moderately Resistant.

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