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Corn Update

News of importance to producers, from the Iowa Corn Growers Association

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Iowa Farmers Planting Corn At A Record Pace

Corn planting is 84% complete in Iowa, a new all time high for the first week of May, 10 days ahead of last year and 13 days faster than the five year average. 19% of corn has emerged, quite a bit ahead of both a year ago and the five year average. 13% of soybeans are planted, compared to 5% both a year ago and on average. *Source: Brownfield Network, May 3, 2010.*

68% of U.S. Corn, 15% Of Soybeans Planted

2010 U.S. corn planting continues to move at a pretty rapid pace thanks to good weather in most areas. USDA reports that as of Sunday, 68% of this year's corn crop had been planted compared to 50% a week ago, 32% a year ago and the five year average of 40%. 19% of corn has emerged, up 12% from last week, 15% more than last year and 10% ahead of average. 15% of soybeans have been planted, compared to 5% last week and 8% on average. *Source: Brownfield Network, May 3, 2010.*

Thunderstorms Impede Crop Progress

Heavy rain, strong winds and isolated hail limited field work last week for much of the state. The large amounts of rainfall have caused soil erosion, standing water in low land fields, and a concern some re-planting may need to be done due to crusting of the soil. Areas receiving hail reported little to no damage. Farmers concentrated on planting when weather permitted and already emerged oats and corn were reported to be in good condition. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork during the week, compared with 4.7

days last week. The days suitable for fieldwork ranged from a low of 1.1 days in Southeast Iowa to a high of 4.2 days in Northeast Iowa. Topsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus across the state. Subsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. *Source: IDALS Press Release, May 3 2010.*

Sign Up For Free NCGA, DTN ACRE Webinar for Tomorrow May 6

NCGA has once again teamed up with DTN to offer growers a free webinar featuring the most up-to-date information about the safety net program. The webinar, held in preparation for the June 1 sign-up deadline for the Average Crop Revenue Election Program, will take place Thursday morning. As it requires advance registration, the time to sign up is now. Titled "Is ACRE the Right Safety Net for You?" - The webinar will help growers assess how well the program protected crop revenue for 2009 and whether it makes sense for their operation in 2010-2012. It begins at 7 a.m. CDT Thursday, May 6. To register please visit:

http://about.dtnpf.com/ag/news_events/events/webinars/index.cfm#reb. *Source: NCGA News of the Day, May 4.*

Iowa Corn Announces Corn Fed GameDay Food and Fuel Winners

Iowa Corn is pleased to announce the four Food and Fuel Winners for the Iowa CornFed GameDay promotions that were held at the Iowa and Iowa State Spring Games, online at www.iacornfed.com and a recent I-Club Event in Des Moines. They include: Ben Meisner from Johnston, Amie Cerka from Colo, Stanton Campbell from Centerville, and Elaine Carnes from West Des Moines. All four individuals won free groceries and fuel for a week.

Iowa Corn will be joining the Iowa State Tailgate Tour this summer. Be sure to sign up to win Free Food and Fuel at the following locations: May 12 – Ottumwa and Davenport; May 13 – Dubuque and Cedar Rapids; May 25 – Ft. Dodge and Waterloo; May 26 – New Hampton and Clear Lake; June 7 – Harlan and Omaha; and June 8 – Sioux City and Okoboji. *Source: Iowa Corn.*

EPA Gives Pioneer OK For “In the Bag”

DuPont announced the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) granted the historic commercial registration of Optimum® AcreMax™ 1 insect protection for Pioneer® brand corn hybrids. This marks the EPA’s first approval of an in-the-bag solution for insect refuge management, offering reduced corn rootworm refuge and a more convenient path to refuge compliance for growers. Optimum® AcreMax™ 1 products integrate 90 percent of a trusted Pioneer® brand hybrid containing the Herculex® XTRA traits which deliver above- and below-ground biotech insect protection and 10 percent of a hybrid from the same genetic family containing the Herculex® I trait for above-ground insect protection and to serve as the corn rootworm refuge. All seed in the bag is herbicide tolerant. *Source: DuPont Press Release, May 3, 2010.*

U.S. Dairy Products To Remain In China, For Now

The U.S. Dairy Export Council, the International Dairy Foods Association, and the National Milk Producers Federation applauded the announcement by China granting the U.S. 30 days to work with Chinese authorities to secure agreement on a new health certificate for food-grade dairy exports to China. Industry leaders also praised the Chinese government for its recognition of the need to allow trade to continue while resolution of this complex issue is addressed by technical staff. On April 21 the Chinese General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) sent a letter to the U.S. government notifying them that due to the lack of an agreed-upon health certificate, China planned to no longer accept U.S. food-grade dairy products as of May 1. There had been no ongoing discussions related to an inadequacy of U.S. certification language prior to the notification. *Source: USAgNet, May 4, 2010.*

USDA To Hold Traceability Public Meetings

The USDA will soon hold public meetings in three states to discuss its new approach to nationwide animal disease traceability. The meetings will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on May 11; Riverdale, Maryland on May 13th; and in Denver, May 17th. US Ag Secretary, Tom Vilsack announced two months ago that the USDA was going to develop a new, more flexible, and coordinated animal traceability system whereby states and tribal nations would establish a means to track animals moving through interstate commerce to their state of origin. *Source: Brownfiled Ag Network, May 4, 2010.*

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