

Wapsie Valley FFA Corn Field Test Plot Results

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On Thursday, October 13, the Wapsie Valley FFA test plot was harvested and the results were collected. Wapsie FFA members Carson Woods and Landen Kuhlmann, test plot committee chairs, worked with Randy Woods to harvest the plot and Kevin Bodensteiner of the Dunkerton Co-op to use a weigh wagon to find results. There was 17 varieties of field corn planted from seven seed companies. It was a great learning experience for all agriculture education students at Wapsie Valley, as the classes went out during the day to learn about the harvesting process as well as predict the yield prior to harvesting. Each class conducted tests and had a competition between classes to see which class came the closest to the yields. The sophomore class won.

The test plot results are in order by yield as follows:

- 1. Pioneer (1): 233.1**
- 2. Pioneer (2): 229.3**
- 3. Dekalb (1): 225.6**
- 4. Channel (1): 224.2**
- 5. Dekalb (2): 221.0**
- 6. Beck's (1): 220.4**
- 7. Stine (1): 219.8**
- 8. Pioneer (3): 217.7**
- 9. Stine (2): 216.3**
- 10. Dekalb (3): 214.6**
- 11. LG (1): 212.8**
- 12. Agrigold (1): 211.9**
- 13. Channel (2): 211.3**
- 14. Stine (3): 203.7**

15. Agrigold (2): 203.6

16. LG (2): 200.7

17. Beck's (2): 181.5

The Wapsie Valley FFA would once again like to thank the following dealers, companies, and individuals for their generous donations to the Wapsie Valley FFA test plot. Without their support, great learning opportunities like these would not be available to the students.

Dekalb seed from Dave Wheeler

Pioneer seed from Kyle DeVoe

Stine seed from Mick Kane

LG seed from Doug Perry

Becks seed from John McMillan

Channel seed from Steve Rathe

Agrigold seed from Mat Martin

Soil Analysis and Lime from the Readlyn Co-op (Representative Corey Happel)

Fertilizer from the Dunkerton Co-op (Representative Kevin Bodensteiner)

Tillage by Ben Huebner

Planting and Harvesting by Conner and Randy Woods

Land rental from VanDaele Farms

UAN-Resicore-Atrazine from Innovative Ag, Oran (Representative Scott Neil)

Overall, the test plot proved to be a fantastic project for the members to work and learn on.