

Regional Corn Meeting Held

Farmers Learn Latest On Corn Production At Regional Meeting

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With farmers making their seed decisions early in the year, the Regional Corn Meeting is held in late fall, offering the farmers the latest information on seed performance.

"We usually try to have information available on fertility issues, crop production, marketing and pest management," said Anthony Ohmes, Mississippi County Agronomist. "We try to cover everything but we try to keep it short."

Corn growers usually come from all the Bootheel counties and there's also a mirrored meeting in Cape Girardeau. The meeting at Cape covers Perry, Cape and Bollinger counties.

"Attendance is pretty consistent every year, we vary usually from 65 to 75 people," Ohmes said. "In 2007 I think we had about 90, last year we had about 75. Weather is always a big factor in December so we don't know what to expect, but our crowds are pretty consistent."

The Bootheel counties are well represented, with people from Pemiscott, Dunklin, Stoddard, Scott and Mississippi as well as New

Madrid County.

Crop advisers also attend the meetings.

"If we don't actually have a producer that represents a section of a county, then we usually have a consultant, adviser here that knows that person and is going to talk to him," Ohmes said. "We usually have a lot of



Taking time to visit are (left) Lester Goodin, farmer from Mississippi County; Wayne Corse, farmer from Charleston, Mo; Anthony Ohmes, Mississippi County Agronomist and David Renaud, also a farmer from Mississippi Co. Photo by John LaRose, Jr.

the corn acres represented at this meeting and the same with the soybean meeting. We usually have a majority of the soybean acres represented in one fashion or the other, either a grower or a crop adviser." Δ

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