



For more information, contact:

Hannah Lipps
External Affairs Director
National Sorghum Producers
hannah@sorghumgrowers.com
(806) 749-3478

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 13, 2010

NSP Announces National Yield and Management Contest Winners

The National Sorghum Producers (NSP) has announced winners of its 2009 Sorghum Yield and Management Contest. These sorghum growers are the cream of the crop, representing yields as high as 216.14 bushels per acre and showcasing some of the nation's best management practices. Full contest results are posted at www.sorghumgrowers.com.

Gerald Simonsen, chairman of the NSP Board of Directors, congratulated the winners, saying that each farmer who entered the contest brought a great value to the competition.

"These winning yields represent high personal achievement for these farmers," said Simonsen. "Every producer who entered the contest was measured against a county average yield, which levels the playing field and ensures that the contest honors the best yields compared to local averages and conditions. Producers who choose to enter the NSP Yield and Management contest represent a commitment to this crop and the business of farming."

Among the national first place winners are Little B Farms of Ochiltree County, Texas, in the Reduced-Till Irrigated category with a yield of 210.45 bushels. In the No-Till Non-Irrigated category, Mark Clancy Farms of Texas County, Okla., placed first with a yield of 175.15 bushels. First place in the Mulch-Till Non-Irrigated category with a yield of 188.61 bushels went to F Three Inc. of Johnson County, Neb. In the Conventional-Till Non-Irrigated category, Ray Haseloff of Parmer County, Texas, won first place with a yield of 140.94 bushels. Greg Methvin of Hockley County, Texas, won both first place in the Conventional-Till Irrigated category and the Irrigated Bin Buster Award and with a yield of 216.14 bushels.

Duane Vorderstrasse won the Irrigated Food-Grade first place award for his yield of 172.84 bushels. Michael Fischer of Thayer County, Neb., earned first place in the Non-Irrigated Food-Grade category yielding 170.79 bushels. Chris Robinson Farms of Union County, Ky., yielded 196.92 bushels to win the Non-Irrigated Bin Buster Award.

National, state and county yield contest winners will be honored with a dinner at Commodity Classic in Anaheim, Calif. on March 5, 2010. In addition, winners will receive plaques and first place national winners will be highlighted in the Spring issue of *Sorghum Grower* magazine.

NSP represents U.S. sorghum producers. The organization serves as the voice of the sorghum industry coast to coast through legislative representation, regulatory representation and education. To learn more about NSP, see the full Yield and Management Contest complete results and learn more about the contest, visit www.sorghumgrowers.com.