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**NSP Awards National Yield and Management Contest Winners**

The National Sorghum Producers (NSP) recognized winners of the 2008 Yield and Management Contest at the 2009 Commodity Classic held in Grapevine, Texas. Winners spanned the Sorghum Belt from Bailey County, Texas to Gibson County, Indiana and brought in yields as high as 201.76 bushels per acre.

National winners in six categories were awarded a plaque and treated to dinner during Commodity Classic. National, state and county winners were recognized during a breakfast held in their honor during Commodity Classic.

“The NSP Yield and Management Contest winners are the best of the best sorghum producers,” said NSP CEO, Tim Lust. “We are proud to recognize these individuals for their outstanding yields which are the result of hard work and great management.”

The contest levels the playing field across the nation by scoring a contestant’s yield against the National Agricultural Statistics Services 5-year county average.

In the Reduced Till, Irrigated category, Matt Mason of Union County, Kentucky, was awarded a national first place trophy. The crop of Pioneer 84G15 yielded 185.68 bushels compared to the county’s five-year average of 83.8 bushels. Second place honors went to Roger Johnson of Sheridan County, Kansas who yielded 187.02 bushels. Monte Wright of Ochiltree County, Texas placed third with a yield of 179.64 bushels.

Jarrod Spillman of Sheridan County, Kansas took first place honors in the No-Till, Non-Irrigated category. His Pioneer 85G01 yielded 165.95 bushels compared to the five-year county average of 53.3 bushels. Glen Henneke of Gasconade County, Missouri placed second yielding 170.04 bushels. Taking third place honors were Courtright Farms of Furnas County, Nebraska who yielded 166.37 bushels.

In the Mulch-Till, Non-Irrigated category, the Steve Richard in Cloud County, Kansas placed first with Garst 5464. The crop yielded 160.54 bushels compared to the 79.4-bushel five-year county average. Placing second was Fischer & Fischer in Texas County, OK yielding 109.34 bushels. Third place went to William Fischer of Johnson County, Nebraska who yielded 163.99 bushels.

Phil Scott in Gibson County, Indiana got top honors in the Conventional-Till, Non-Irrigated category. The plot of Pioneer 84G62 yielded 167.37 bushels compared to the five-year county average of 67.5 bushels. Clayton & Louanne Short of Saline County, Kansas placed second

with a yield of 147.86 bushels. Felts Farms, Inc. of Mississippi County, Arkansas placed third yielding 163.92 bushels.

Chris Bass in Bailey County, Texas won the Conventional-Till, Irrigated category with a plot of Pioneer 84G62 that yielded 201.76 bushels compared to the five-year county average of 66.7 bushels. Second place went to Ki Gamble of Kiowa County, Kansas who yielded 189.41 bushels. W.R. Johnson and Sons in Luna County, New Mexico took third place honors yielding 190.80 bushels.

Michael Fischer won the Non-Irrigated category for food-grade sorghums. The plot of Fontanelle W-1000 in Thayer County, Nebraska yielded 133.57 bushels. Irrigated Bin-Buster was Chris Bass with a yield of 201.76 bushels and Non-Irrigated Bin Buster was Brad Stephen in Daviess County, Kentucky with a yield of 180.48 bushels.

To learn more about the contest, view complete results and management practices of the winners, or download photos visit [www.sorghumgrowers.com](http://www.sorghumgrowers.com).

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