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DEKALB® Farmers Achieve Impressive Performance in NCGA 2018 National Corn Yield Contest

St. Louis, MO (December 20, 2018) – Farmers who planted DEKALB® corn demonstrated strong results in the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) 2018 National Corn Yield Contest, capturing nine of the 18 national awards and 155 awards at the state level.

At the national level, the DEKALB brand won four first place yields, more than any other brand, and swept the AA Non-Irrigated category with first, second and third place wins. Farmer Kevin Kalb of Dubois, Indiana, took first place in the category with 388.07 Bu/A with DEKALB DKC67-44RIB Brand Blend – his eighth national win in the contest with DEKALB.

Other first place DEKALB national winners are:

- Heath Cutrell of Chesapeake, Virginia, who achieved 360.80 Bu/A with DKC65-20 Brand in the A Non-Irrigated category. This win is Cutrell's second national award in the contest with DEKALB.
- Drew Haines of Middletown, Maryland, who won nationally for the third consecutive year with DEKALB. Haines won with 366.29 Bu/A, planting DKC60-88RIB Brand Blend in the A No-Till/Strip-Till Non-Irrigated category.
- Shawn Kalb, of Dubois, Indiana, who yielded 343.00 Bu/A with DKC70-27RIB Brand Blend, a DEKALB® Disease Shield® product, in the AA No-Till/Strip-Till Non-Irrigated category. This marks Shawn's second consecutive win with DEKALB at the national level.

Pete Uitenbroek, DEKALB Asgrow® Brand Lead, said the strong showing in the 2018 contest can be attributed to the high-yield potential of 100 percent exclusive DEKALB genetics, the skill and management practices of the winning farmers, and the support they receive from their agronomic team throughout the growing season.

"We congratulate each of these DEKALB winners for their hard work and passion for performance," he said. "They can take pride in pushing the yield boundaries and being among the highest corn-producing farmers throughout the nation."

The combined 164 DEKALB national and state winners for 2018 represent a five percent increase over last year's NCGA contest. Of those 2018 winners, 32 yielded 300 Bu/A or higher.

Forty-seven winners planted DEKALB Disease Shield, which provides enhanced protection against the top five yield-robbing corn diseases.

There were a total of 2,601 entries in the 2018 NCGA contest. For a list of all DEKALB national and state winners, visit DEKALB.com/YieldWinner.

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