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Results of NNY Corn Grain Variety Trials Now Online

North Country farmers interested in planting corn to harvest for grain or ethanol production in 2009 will find data on 49 varieties tested under Northern New York growing conditions. The farmer-driven Northern New York Agricultural Development Program funded the corn trials conducted by Cornell researchers at Robbins Farms in Sackets Harbor in Jefferson County, at Greenwood Dairy in Canton in St. Lawrence County, and at WH Miner Agricultural Research Institute in Chazy in Clinton County.

Lead researcher Dr. Margaret E. Smith with Cornell University's Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics says, "The data in the hybrid production tables posted online at www.nnyagdev.org show a number of hybrids that had excellent performance in Northern New York in 2008. Hybrid choices, however, should always be made based on comprehensive data that includes multi-year and-or multi-location data, so the results of Northern New York corn grain trials since 2004 are also on the Northern New York Agricultural Development program website."

Complete results for 2008 NNY Corn Grain and Corn Silage Variety Trials are available online at www.nnyagdev.org or contact Cornell Cooperative Extension in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence County.

The Northern New York Agricultural Development Program is a farmer-driven agricultural research, education and outreach program that funds projects conducted on farms in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. # # #

Table 1. Corn Acreage in Northern New York (2007 Census of Agriculture)

County	Corn Grain Acres	Corn Silage Acres	Total
Clinton	6,466	13,501	19,967
Essex	690	1,546	2,236
Franklin	4,619	9,411	14,030
Jefferson	17,566	20,953	38,519
Lewis	5,821	19,087	24,908
St. Lawrence	8,856	23,972	32,828
TOTAL	44,018	88,470	132,488

