

## Corn Yield Contest Harvest Tips for Success

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>TIP</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>	
	<b>Call your Harvest Supervisor ahead of time</b> to ensure they will be available; find a replacement as needed. A Harvest Supervisor is required to verify harvest and yields.
<b>HIGH YIELDS</b>	
	<b>Harvest as shelled corn with a multiple row harvester.</b>
	<b>Harvest at high moistures (25-28%)</b> because conversion factors are in your favor and it reduces “phantom loss”. When it’s too dry, shell loss can occur at the head.
	<b>Shell around the field to find the sweet spot</b> to use for contest plot.
	<b>Shell over tile lines</b> if possible for contest plot.
	<b>Use previous field maps</b> to know where best areas are for contest plot.
	<b>Set combine to maximum efficiency</b> before running the plot.
<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<i>Complete NCGA Corn Yield Contest requirements can be found at <a href="http://www.seedgeneticsdirect.com/contests">www.seedgeneticsdirect.com/contests</a>.</i>	
	<b>Shell ends of rows off.</b> All end rows/turning rows and the equal number of outermost rows on each side, as well as a minimum of one header pass around the entire field, cannot be a part of the 10-acre contest plot.
	<b>Harvest 1.25 acres</b> or more for contest plots.
	<b>Designate a 10-acre minimum plot</b> in case a recheck of an additional 1.25 acres is required.
<b>SAFETY</b>	
	<b>Always turn off tractor before getting off for any reason.</b>
	<b>Avoid jumping or skipping tractor steps</b> when getting on and off the tractor.
	<b>Take care of yourself:</b> stay hydrated, take short breaks to stretch, pack snacks, use personal protective gear.
	<b>Use “slow moving vehicle” signage</b> when traveling.

YIELD FORMULA: lbs harvested x (1 - % moisture as a decimal) ÷ 47.6 ÷ acres harvested = yield