



November 1, 2018

County Variety Plot Chairs,

**Please note the updated Harvest Information Deadline.** If your plan for the 2018 crop year includes planting variety plots, I encourage you to submit your information to our on-line plot program. Those of you who have used the program in recent years already know that it is one of the few independent, on-farm tools available to compare corn and soybean varieties. We continue to refine the program, based on your feedback.

**DEADLINES:**

Planting Information & Payment Deadline: **June 15, 2018** (\$200 VISA gift card drawing)

Harvest Information Deadline: **November 15, 2018** (\$200 VISA gift card drawing)

**(Must be emailed or postmarked by deadline date to enter)**

**\$600 VISA gift card drawing will be held November 15, 2018 for all counties that met both deadlines above.**

All forms and entry fees must be submitted to Cara Soukup at the MCGA office. If you have any questions about the plot program, please call 612-272-9388 or email [csoukup@mncorn.org](mailto:csoukup@mncorn.org).

**Electronic submissions are preferred to ensure accuracy and entry timeliness.**

**Information for the program:**

- The cost for your county to submit **either** corn or soybean plots is \$300. If your county submits **both** corn and soybean plots, the cost is \$500.
- Planting/harvest reports include the "Return After Drying" information for the individual corn plots.
- Types of tillage include Conservation (30%↑ residue cover), Reduced (15-30% residue cover), and Conventional (15%↓ residue cover). Additional tillage details may be included in the comments section of the planting/harvest form.

**Electronic versions of the planting/harvest forms are now available on the MCGA website at <http://www.mncorn.org/forms/>**

*As always, we welcome your suggestions for adding to the value and usefulness of the MCGA Variety Plot Program and wish each of you a safe and successful 2018 growing season.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary L. Prescher".

Gary Prescher, MCGA Variety Plot Program Chair