

On Monday April 12th a group of Montgomery County Farm Bureau Young Leaders[®] met at the Carl Marten's farm to put in the Montgomery County Young Leaders Corn Plot. Carl's farm is located just off Interstate 55's West Frontage Road North of Route 127. Carl's location was chosen because of its high visibility along the Interstate. Sixteen seed companies donate corn and money to the group. The companies include: AgriGold---*Travis Huddleson*, Becks---*Brian Zimmerman*, Bo-Jac---*Brian Brown*, Burris--*Tim Carmody*, Channel Bio--*Brian Wood*, Dairyland---*Rod Moran*, Dynagro--*Pat Nothaus*, FS--*Mark Bauman*, Golden Harvest---*Allen Kasten*, Horizon Genetics---*Matt Stotle*, LG---*Danny Himes*, Pioneer---*Pope Seeds, Inc.*, Stine---*Gary Niemeier*, Stone---*Jay Ryan*, Wyffels--*Chad Kalaher*.

At their January meeting the Young Leaders discussed several projects for the coming year. This was number one on their list of things to do. They formed a committee made up of Allen Kasten, Brant Wernsing, Matt Stotle, Brent Harrison, Brian Brown, Thomas Marten and Heath Houck. Matt Stotle headed the Committee. The committee decided which companies to invite to participate, wrote the rules for the plot, sent out letters and followed up contacts with the companies. The money raised from this project will help fund other project the group wants to do.

In May, the group will meet again and put in a soybean plot on the north side of Carl's house. The same companies will participate except for Wyffels & Agrigold who don't have soybeans.

Look for the Montgomery County Young Leaders sign just south of Carl's house. Be sure to check out the plots as they grow and mature this summer.



Going from end to end to change seed!



A man with a lot of patience!



Brant dumping seed out of sweeper.



Allen sweeping seed out of boxes.