

Yield Champions Introduces New Products

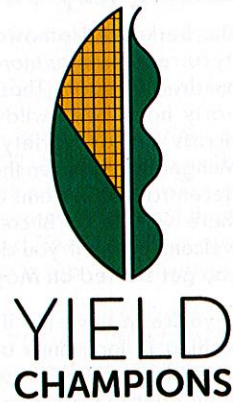
Dennis Nun, president of Yield Champions, has announced the introduction of two new products for crop producers to utilize this growing season.

INTENSIFY®-PGR (Plant Growth Regulator) was developed for the U.S. market by three-time World Record Soybean grower Kip Cullers in Brazil where it has been used for several years. It combines two types of PGRs proven to increase early root development and plant growth and is three-times the concentration and half the cost of other PGRs available to growers.

A second product SYNTOSE-FA® is an agricultural sugar used in-furrow and in foliar applications to stimulate soil microbial activity and enhance crop health and yields.

Nun says, "We continually research technologies to show growers how to lower production costs on a per acre and per bushel basis. This remains the key to profitability for farmers. These are low cost, high return inputs to give growers an edge."

Yield Champions exclusively markets the Conklin Company's AgroVantage™ products for crop production used by more state and national NCGA corn yield champions than any other. For more information on these products, contact Dennis Nun at (402) 430-7727 or go to www.IntensifyMyCrop.com or www.YieldChampions.com.



First National Technology Solutions Achieves Microsoft Gold Cloud Platform Competency

First National Technology Solutions (FNTS) has announced it has attained a gold Cloud Platform competency, demonstrating a "best-in-class" ability and commitment to meet Microsoft Corp. customers' evolving needs in today's mobile-first, cloud-first world and distinguishing itself within Microsoft's partner ecosystem.

To earn a Microsoft gold competency, partners must successfully complete exams (resulting in Microsoft Certified Professionals) to prove their level of technology expertise, and then designate these certified professionals uniquely to one Microsoft competency, ensuring a certain level of staffing capacity. They also must submit customer references that demonstrate successful projects, meet a performance (revenue and/or consumption/usage) commitment (for most gold competencies), and pass technology and/or sales assessments.

As the technology landscape changes, it is crucial for businesses to have a competitive advantage. Companies of all sizes are utilizing technology partners like FNTS to stay current on advances in cloud, software and data center offerings. FNTS offers flexible plans and solutions to fit all business models, allowing companies to work smarter and faster.

With over 20 years in the managed IT services industry, First National Technology Solutions is a leading provider of flexible, customized hosted and remote managed services. Specializing in best of breed cloud technology and data center services, FNTS is dedicated to quality personal service, guaranteed uptime, and custom-built solutions that fit individual enterprises today, and align with their future strategic growth plans. Headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, FNTS is a wholly owned subsidiary of one of the Midwest's largest privately held financial holding companies, First National of Nebraska. For more information on FNTS, visit www.fnts.com or follow on social media (@FirstNatTechSol).

Vision Maker Film Festival Begins April 20th

"We Are All Related" is the theme of the 7th biennial Vision Maker Film Festival. The theme is a conceptual translation from the Lakota language—Mitákuye Oyás'íŋ—a commonly used expression indicating the Lakota's relationships to each other and in the world.

Opening night is Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, featuring the film *RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World*, which explores how the Native American influence is an integral part of music history, despite attempts to ban, censor and erase Indian culture in the United States.

In total, more than 30 new films by diverse filmmakers from across the country will be showcased—stories of social justice, hope and overcoming adversity. Filmmakers will present and encourage dialogue to provide educational opportunities that benefit teachers, students and the public. For more information, visit visionmakermedia.org/festival.



Career Academy, Papillion La Vista South Advance to National ProStart Invitational

"Guac and Roll," the team from Lincoln's Career Academy, took top honors at the 2018 Nebraska ProStart Competition held March 2 at Omaha's Metropolitan Community College.

ProStart is a program of the Hospitality Education Foundation, the educational arm of the Nebraska Restaurant Association (www.nebraska-dining.org). The curriculum is designed to teach high school students the culinary and management skills that lead to careers as professionals in the hospitality and food service industry.

Accompanied by instructor Maybell Galusha, team members Francisco Chavira Gonzalez, Tessa Mariscal, Corbin Reinhardt, and Sagan Smith move on and will represent Nebraska at the National ProStart

Student Invitational in Providence, Rhode Island April 27–30. Their winning menu included a starter of Mache Salad of Pickled Golden Beets and Red Turnip, with Diced Cucumber, Goat Cheese croquettes, and Honey-Dijon Vinaigrette. The entrée was Pan-Fried Veal Chops with Mushroom-Cider pan sauce, Parmesan-dusted Polenta Fries and Braised Vegetables. For dessert, the team created a White Chocolate Bavarian in a gold-dusted Dark Chocolate Pyramid with sweetened cream Quenelle, Fresh Berries and Mixed Berry Sauce.

Savana Moore and Jazmin Koebel of Papillion La Vista South High School will represent Nebraska in the Management competition. Accompanied by Ms. Louise Dornbusch, educator and Chef Casey Craven, team mentor, the duo will have the opportunity to present their restaurant concept, marketing plan and design of "MoodFood" to a panel of National judges.

