

Corn producers adapt to unique situation with creative techniques

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The drought during growing season and then a storm yielding high winds in mid-October created quite the dilemma for area corn producers. Many discovered that fields yielding 200 bushels the day before the storm were yielding anywhere from 30 to 100 bushels less a day after the storm due to high winds knocking the ears right off the stalk and onto the ground.

One should never doubt the ingenuity of ag producers. Producers rose to the challenge of capturing as much of their crop as possible by adapting to the unique situation in front of them. Harvesters have raked the fields into windrows using hay rakes. They then put pick-up heads, usually used for millet and beans, on their combines and pick up the windrows.

One of the biggest challenges being reported from using this method is the amount of dirt that mixes with the corn. The photo above shows the cloud of dust and debris separating from the corn through special screens as it is transferred from the grain cart to the semi.