



Kailei Klement and Matthew Huston bag corn at the Fuhrmann Sweet Corn stand Monday morning.

Photo by Richard Greene

# Golden treat

Sweet corn attracts crowds to roadside stand

**By Richard Greene**  
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Ron Jones turned his truck off of U.S. 82 just west of Lindsay to do some roadside shopping for a golden tasty treat for a second time in a few hours Monday afternoon.

"This is my second time today," said Jones of Saint Jo. "I come every year and buy five to six bags. Last year, I bought 22 bags. It's good sweet corn."

"Whenever I see he's open, I swing in. You have to

get it when it's here. When it's gone; it's gone."

Jones is one of the many loyal customers that have made frequent stops at the Fuhrmann Sweet Corn roadside stand in front of the home of Michael Fuhrmann for more than 25 years. Braving the heat and some times long lines of more than 30 people, customers say it's worth it. Especially after getting their bag of 30 ears for \$5.

"This is my second time here," said Chad Riley. "It is

outstanding corn that goes well with dinner. You know it's fresh."

"It's also good to support a local family."

Monday afternoon, Fuhrmann took a brief seat between loads and watched customers line up and his workers that include grandchildren and local youngsters hand out bags full of corn.

"It gets better each year," Fuhrmann said.

At this point, the farmer does not advertise his stand and relies on word

of mouth and the Web site, [www.82sweetcorn.com](http://www.82sweetcorn.com), which gives updates to customers about the availability of the corn.

Fuhrmann planted 20 acres of corn this year. He opened his stand for the first time Friday.

He can get up to 5,000 ears in a load.

"We've not been filling the trailer all the way," Fuhrmann said. "We've been trying to keep [corn] here. We've only been putting in about 3,000

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# Corn draws crowds to stand



**Austin Reiter loads corn on to an elevator at the Fuhrmann Sweet Corn stand.**

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to 4,000 at a time."

Back at the stand, he's added a new feature this year for his young workers, a corn elevator that he built.

"It makes it faster," Fuhrmann said. "They can put five in bag at a time instead of one at a time."

Most of Fuhrmann's workers have been working for him for several years, including Lindsay High School student Dean Fleitman.

"It's hot and hard work," Fleitman said. "I've worked here for three years.

"People keep coming

back. They all say they like it."

Fellow Lindsay student Austin Reiter echoed Fleitman's thoughts.

"It's hard work and hot, but it's pretty fun," Reiter said. "It stays busy the whole time."

Fuhrmann's stand opens at 8 a.m. each day but Sunday.

With the rush of customers demanding the limited supply, Fuhrmann expects the golden tasty sweet corn to be all gone soon.

"Within two weeks, we'll be out," Fuhrmann said.



**Michael Fuhrmann works with Kailei Klement to bag corn at the stand on U.S. 82 Monday.**