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Eastern National Entry Deadline Set for Oct. 18

TIMONIUM, Md — With entries from eleven states already received, Charles Morrow, manager of the Eastern National Livestock Show, today reminded livestockmen that the deadline for entering stock in this year's show has been set for October 18.

Young farmers must enter their prize livestock in the 4-H Club and FFA classes by October 11.

The twelfth annual Eastern National, largest livestock show in the East, will be held November 15 through 20 at the Maryland State Fair Grounds at Timonium.

30 States in 1957

Entries in 1957 came from 30 states and Mr Morrow said the number of animals on display is expected to top last year's record-breaking 1,540 cattle, sheep and swine.

He said the Eastern National, known as the "Friendly Breeders' Show, this year will include an expanded Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest, a 4-H Club Interstate Livestock Judging Contest, an Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest and the Atlantic Angus Association sale.

Judges this year are of international prominence, with such widely known figures as T. Alex Edwards, of Anoka Farms, Arva, Ontario, Canada, Roy R. Largent, of Merkel, Tex., Homer Clausen, Spencer, Iowa, Glen Bratcher, Oklahoma State University; Don L. Good, Kansas State College, Dwight E. Younk, Pennsylvania State University, and G. A. Allen, Jr., Virginia Polytechnic Institute, being slated to judge one or more classes in their specialties.

Premiums to Total \$25,000

Exhibitors will be competing for more than \$52,000 in premium money, as well as a large array of blue ribbons and trophies. In addition, breed associations and other organizations and individuals are offering several thousand dollars in special prizes.

For example, the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association offers the following prizes if won by Aberdeen-Angus Grand Champion Steer, \$250, Champion Carload of Fat Cattle, \$250, Champion Pen of Five Fat Steers, \$100.

Angus Group Offers Trophy

The Maryland Aberdeen-Angus Association will present a trophy to the Champion 4-H and FFA Angus Steer, while the Maryland Angus Women's Club will present a special trophy if the champion 4-H and FFA Angus steer is exhibited by a girl.

\$1,200 Added for Herefords

The American Hereford Association offers the following prizes if won by Herefords: Grand Champion Steer, \$500; Champion Carload of Fat Cattle, \$500; Champion Pen of Five Fat Steers, \$200, and Champion 4-H and FFA Steer, \$100.

The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association will present \$250 if the Grand Champion Steer is a Shorthorn, and the American Shorthorn Club will give \$500 if the Champion Carload of Fat Cattle is won by Shorthorns.



Late blight infection of tomato fruit

County Tomato Crop Struck by Blight and Anthracnose in Most Areas

by Jack H. Owens

"Tomatoes are just about shot," seemed to be the most often expressed opinion Thursday among farmers and brokers in Lancaster county. Blight moved into the county several weeks ago, but did not become severe in tomato fields until 10 days ago. When it did strike however, destruction was rapid and in some places almost complete.

The warmer and drier weather at the beginning of the week gave a small bit of hope to growers when it seemed the blight-ridden fields were holding their own and appeared the fruits still on the vines would ripen. With cool nights and increased humidity during the later days of the week, hope for any recovery faded.

Ideal growing conditions earlier in the season added to the problem. Vines in most parts of the county were extremely large, making it almost impossible to do a thorough job of spraying. "We sprayed four times and it didn't seem to faze it," John Kunkel, R1, New Providence, said.

Some fields in the southern part of the county already have been disked down. Some growers have of the county already have been not picked enough tomatoes to pay expenses. In other instances, farmers have stopped picking because of problems in getting pickers to harvest the diseased fruit and the difficulty of getting a price sufficient to pay for picking.

Brokers are reluctant to purchase the fruits because of lowered quality. In addition to damage from late blight, anthracnose is

starting to show up in some places. Brokers are complaining that the tomatoes have the typical spots under the skin which soon rot and make tomatoes hard to peel.

Canners will pay top prices for the fruits due to lowered keeping quality. The anthracnose organism produces a condition in the meat of tomatoes which makes them harder to preserve as canned tomatoes.

Reports from the northern part of the county indicate that the conditions are not quite as far advanced, but crops there also are suffering badly.

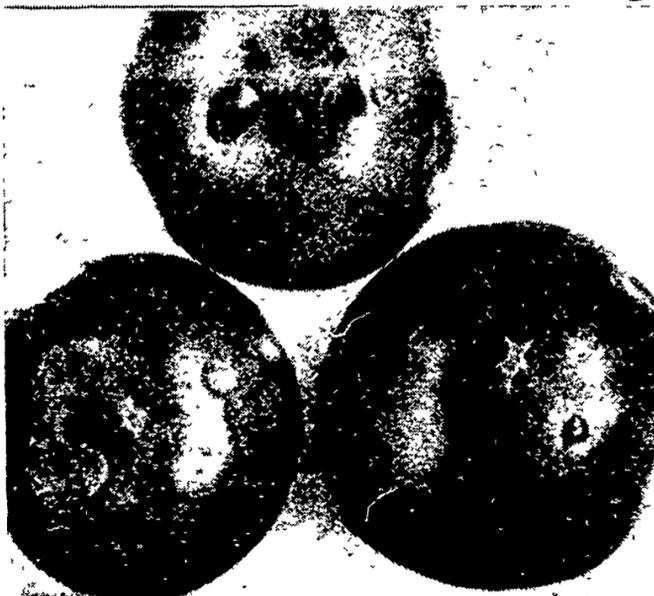
PLANT PATHOLOGISTS at Pennsylvania State University have the following suggestions for growers who have had considerable trouble with either Late Blight or Anthracnose in to matoes this year.

—Plant only healthy plants
—If you grow your own plants, be sure to sterilize the bed before planting the seeds
—Practice a three to five year rotation.

—Use crops that aid in maintaining the organic content of the soil.

—Space rows as far apart as is economically sound. This facilitates quicker drying of dew and rain, a condition unfavorable for the growth of foliage diseases.

—Follow a regular spray program in the field. Start spraying at 4 to 6 weeks after the plants are set in the field and repeat applications at 10 day intervals through harvest. A spray schedule is available from your county agent.



Anthracnose on mature fruit of tomato

22.6-Million Birds Sold Through The Poultry Exchange in First Four Years

Officers of the Pennsylvania State-Wide Millers' and Feed Dealers' association and the Pa. Bureau of Markets, in a gesture to focus wider attention on the Lancaster Poultry Exchange and Modern marketing methods utilized by the four-year-old organization, today announced they will join in celebrating the group's Fourth Anniversary, Sept. 18, at Lancaster Poultry Center.

Poultry raisers have sold nearly one-quarter billion birds through Exchange facilities during its history. Poultry sold during the auctions have brought an average price of 21.75 cents per pound. Exchange officials report

Richard I. Ammon, executive secretary and treasurer for the Millers' and Feed Dealers' association, said PMFDA officers will be present at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, during the weekly auction to join in congratulating Lancaster Poultry Exchange for completing four highly-successful years of service to growers and buyers.

Ammon emphasized presence of his group's officers will represent well wishers from their entire membership toward the Exchange which was established in 1954 as a non-profit operation to bring poultry interests together to mutual advantage.

John Rainey, director of Pa. Bureau of Markets, also will attend the "Birthday Party."

A total of 1167 poultry growers from throughout Pennsylvania have been served in the past four years by the Lancaster Poultry Center facilities. An aggregate of 22,643,632 birds have been sold for \$16,600,217.37 by Exchange auctioneers.

Birds marketed there have averaged 3.75 lbs.

Any grower is eligible to use Exchange facilities. The only charge is a \$3.50 minimum listing fee for lots up to 2500 birds. An additional \$1.50 is charged for each 1000 birds above the minimum.

Poultry Banquet Set for Oct. 2nd

Lancaster County Poultry Association's Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, Oct. 2, 1958, at Hostetters Banquet Hall, Mt. Joy. The speaker will be the Rev. Nevin Smith of Hanover. Subscription price is \$25.00 per couple with the proceeds to be used in the promotion of the poultry industry in general and to reduce the indebtedness of the Association's recently constructed building. In addition to the speaker there will be other entertainment.

Reservations may be made at the Poultry Center, Roseville Road and 230 By-pass, or with Don Wolgemuth, Florin, Ticket Chairman. Jay Greider will preside as Master of Ceremonies.

Homestead Farms Continue Sweep Of Honors in State Swine Contests

READING — The 10-year-old Stauffer Homestead Farms' purebred Hampshire swine herd, East Earl RD 1, "brought home the bacon" from the recent Berks County Fair and Pa. Hampshire Show, at Reading.

Repeating their 1957 performance at these same shows, Stauffer "belts" won Grand and Reserve champion boar honors, while sweeping 15 of 19 first places.

New Editor Named for Lanc. Farming



Dan McGrew

A newcomer this week to the Lancaster Farming staff, and the eastern United States, is Odess L. "Dan" McGrew, who is assuming duties as the publication's news editor.

A native of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, McGrew received his training in agricultural journalism from Oklahoma State University (A&M). He has edited a northwestern Oklahoma County seat weekly, was farm editor for a Nebraska daily, and comes to LF from the public relations department of the Nebraska Game Commission.

A former 4-H and FFA member, he worked on farms and ranches in several western states, while in college. His family owns and operates a 400-acre diversified-crop farm, including a purebred beef herd, in Wagoner county, Oklahoma.

During the Korean war, he served as an Army photographer-writer with a Ski-Troop command at Cp. Hale, Colorado.

He is married to the former Frances C. Wells, of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Mrs. McGrew is enrolled in her junior year in elementary education at Millersville State Teachers College.

Former LF editor Robert E. "Bob" Best, recently resigned the post to accept a position as information assistant with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg.

The herd, from the northeast Lancaster county farms owned by ABC and Edna Groff, New Holland, also won a pair of second place ribbons and four third place standings.

Another SHF Hampshire was Grand Champion boar in these shows in 1955.

Earl Fisher is manager of the Goodville farms, and Paul Ebaugh is herdsman.