Celery Men Seek Change In Soil Test Reporting

Pennsylvania State University wide. soil testing laboratory.

medium and high.

reported. low, medium and the county. high, be changed for vegetables and possibly for potatoes

potash is increased to 400 apply boton if you don't need . pounds per acre As amounts of potash are increased beyond this level, yields are depressed and minor element deficiencies often appear Therefore it is important for a glower to know the exact upper limit of potash leve in his soil, not a general test indicating just a high level of this nutrient

"It is suggeted the special report form be used for vegetable growers "

William Yount, Plant pathologist with the Buleau of Plant Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture said great variations were noted in plants of the H-46 strain last year, but tour plants were selected from a total of 45 to be used - as foundation seed stock this year He said the selection committee tried to pick out plants which were straight, had good color and would produce good quantities of seed Funk last year grew two pounds of the new seed which was certified by the bureau

Since celeiy seed averaged sbout 8,000 seeds per ounce, Yount said, county growers should have a plentiful supply to meet needs

He explained that certifica-



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About 40 county celery pro- tion of seeds assures a grower ducers voiced objection Monday, of a uniform supply wherever to the current method of repor- the seed is purchased since certing soil test results by the trification standards are nation-

Dr. Ernest Bergman, plant The growers, meeting in the nutritionist at the Pennsylvania packing room of Amos Funk, State University said he is con-Millersville, voted to send a tinuing his studies with the letter to the laboratory calling new variety in an attempt to for a return to the policy of re- eliminate some of the undesirporting soil nutrients in pounds able features. In response to the per acre lather than as low, lemarks from one glower that some of his customers had Loud support was registered complained about the lack of fifor the letter which said "Cel- avor in the H-46 variety, Bergerv growers in Lancaster York man said it was probably due and Lebanon request consider, to variations in new seed. A ation be given to the soil test group of growers who tasted results indicating the exact le- a sample from the questioner vel of plant nutrients present agreed that it lacked the flavor in the soil in pounds per acre noted in some of the other samand that all test results as now ples brought in from around

Bergman said some glowers have sprayed too heavily with "For example, yields for cel- boron, or added too much bor-

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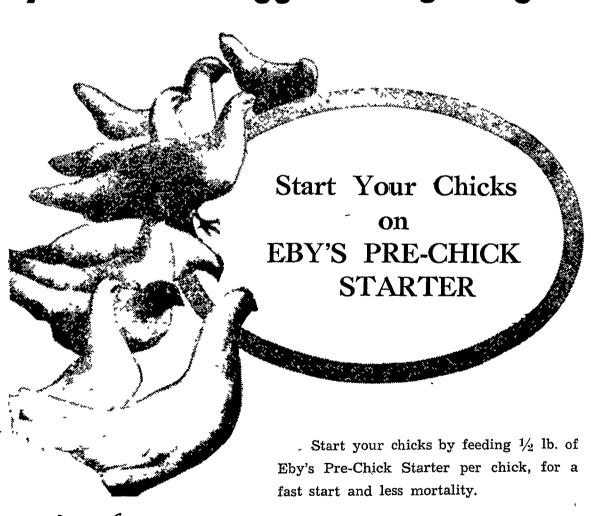


LOOKING OVER A SELECTION OF H-46 celery at a meeting Monday afternoon are two county celery growers and a plant researcher. Left to right are Jay Hodecker who grows 19 acres of celery at 1803 Rohrerstown Road, Dr. Ernest Bergman, plant nutritionist at the Pennsylvania State University, and Rudy Grob, 2063 Stone Mill Road, Lancaster, secretary of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association The selections from the original cross made by Dr. Bernard ery will be greater as available on to the soil "Don't smay or Pollack at PSU will be used to increase the seed supply of trenching celery to replace the old Houser strain lost during World War II.

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