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Dwarf Mosaic Moving East; Now In Penna.

Maize dwarf mosaic, a new virus discase of orn that spread over virtually all of Ohio in three years, has been found in Pennsylvania.

Discovery of the disease, in was reported recently by the at present the only method Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and by the College of Agriculture of The Pennsylvania State University. State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said "the seriousness of this discovery and its potential threat to corn production in Pennsylvania dare not be overlooked.

"The disease was first detected in southern Ohio in 1962 and by 1964 had spread into all but nine of the state's 88 counties. Last year Ohio's loss was estimated at five mulhon bushels of corn worth \$5 85 million."

The initial find in Pa. was made August 6 by Dr. Clafford C Wernham, plant pathologust of Penn State, and a graduate assistant, David R. Mac-Kenzie

On August 21, Dr. Wernham and MacKenzie found affected plants in two lateplanted fields of sweet corn about a mile from the first sıte

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Juace from the stalks was transmutted to corn in greenhouses at Penn State and these plants developed positive symptoms of the disease, Di Weinham reported Samilai results were obtained in tests performed in the laboraones of the Agruculture Departmert by William L Yount, plant pathologust

Dr Cailton F Taylor, chairman of extension plant pathology at Penn State said discovery of the disease near Lock Haven was by chance 'We intend to continue the search in other areas of Pennsylvania," he added

Charactenistic symptoms of of the disease are a motifing, or mosaic pattern of lught and

plants, and subsequent stunt- conditions. ed growth. Later, leaves may appear uniformly yellow, or develop red or reddish purple spots in late August or September.

season produce ears with lit- now heat until clear and thick, tle or no grain.

the Agriculture Department's Garnish with whipped cream. Bureau of Plant Industry, said. Serves 8. of controlling maize dwarf resistant to this disease and and carbon dioxide.

dark green on leaves of young adapted to varying climatic

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cornstarch, salt and water. Add remaining blueberries Plants affected early in the and orange rind; cook over stirring constantly. Pour over Henry F. Nixon, director of berries; chill before serving.

Fertilizers provide a source mosaic is to plant one of the of 13 of the 16 plant nutrient very few known resistant var- elements essential for green ieties of corn. He added that plants. The other three ele-"progress is being made" in ments - carbon, hydragen, research to develop hybrids oxygen - come from water



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