

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

State To Survey Grain Fields For Cereal Leaf Beetle Invaders

HARRISBURG—A survey to determine if cereal leaf beetles have invaded Pennsylvania will begin May 17 in western Pennsylvania, Leland H. Bull, State Secretary of Agriculture, has announced.

Secretary Bull said the tiny beetle, as yet undetected in the state, is a threat to grain production in any area where it has been introduced.

He said oats, barley and wheat fields in Beaver and Crawford counties will be the principal targets of the survey since these counties are nearest to two Ohio counties where the beetle was discovered last year.

Other counties to be included in the survey for the insect are Allegheny, Armstrong, Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Mercer, Somerset, Venango, Washington, Erie, Westmoreland, Butler and Lawrence.

Spot checks for the beetle

are expected to be made later in Berks and Lancaster counties.

Survey work will be done by specialists, from the state and federal agriculture departments, who will sweep fields with insect nets. Findings will be sent to state agriculture laboratories for identification.

In counties other than Beaver and Crawford, survey work will be concentrated in fields located close to county fair grounds, race tracks and truck terminals where large quantities of hay and straw imported from other states can frequently be found.

Arthur Jeffery, State Department of Agriculture entomologist who will take part in the survey, explained that cereal leaf beetle infestation is often started when hay and straw bedding from fair grounds and

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Richard Brown Joins Area Feed Co. Staff

Richard "Dick" Brown has joined the Sales-Service staff of D. E. Horn and Company. (Continued on Page 19)



Richard Brown

President Assigns Civil Defense Food Duties To Agriculture Dept.

President Lyndon B. Johnson has assigned important defense responsibilities to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it was announced this week. These include food production and distribution, protection against biological and chemical warfare and radioactive fallout, and rural fire defense, in cooperation with Civil Defense and local government.

Every county or comparable subdivision in the United States is covered by a USDA County Defense Board composed of representatives of Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service, Federal Extension Service, Farmers Home Administration and Soil Conservation Service.

Locally, the County USDA Defense Board is Dorothy Y. Neel, ACSC—M. M. Smith, Extension Service—Richard W. Hoover, FHA and Orval Bass,

SCS also working closely with the County Board, Dr. George Smith of Agricultural Research Service, John Kitch, Service Forester and Harry Myers, Civil Defense Director. Regular quarterly meetings are held in the Lancaster County ASCS Office, which has been designated as emergency headquarters.

Specific assignments have been delegated to each agency as follows: ASCS—Food management to effect maximum conservation of surviving food and assure efficient use of food and food facilities. This will include plans for continued production, restrictions and distribution of seed, fertilizer and farm equipment and salvage and distribution of surviving food at wholesale level and food in transit.

Extension Service—Provide information and educational material to farmers, rural people and the food industry concerning survival, production, processing, storage and distribution, and to county and local governments, and information media to assure support and understanding of emergency programs and cooperation in (Continued on Page 16)

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