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## Southern Corn Blight Is Found Throughout Southeastern Pa.; Officials Not Sure About Impact

Southern corn blight was found in Lancaster County and several other Southeastern Pennsylvania counties and confirmed by Penn State pathologists this week.

While the disease has a potentially devastating effect on corn, particularly on non-resistant varieties, local ag officials emphasized this week that what will actually happen in the next two months is highly uncertain.

Arnold Lueck, associate Lancaster County ag agent, emphasized that farmers should take a wait-and-see attitude at the present time.

While the disease has been detected 45 to 50 days ahead of the time when it was first found last year, it is still not known how virulent or aggressive the disease will be this year, Lueck stated.

He also emphasized that weather will be a key factor. The blight thrives on hot, moist

weather and on warm nights with fog or dampness.

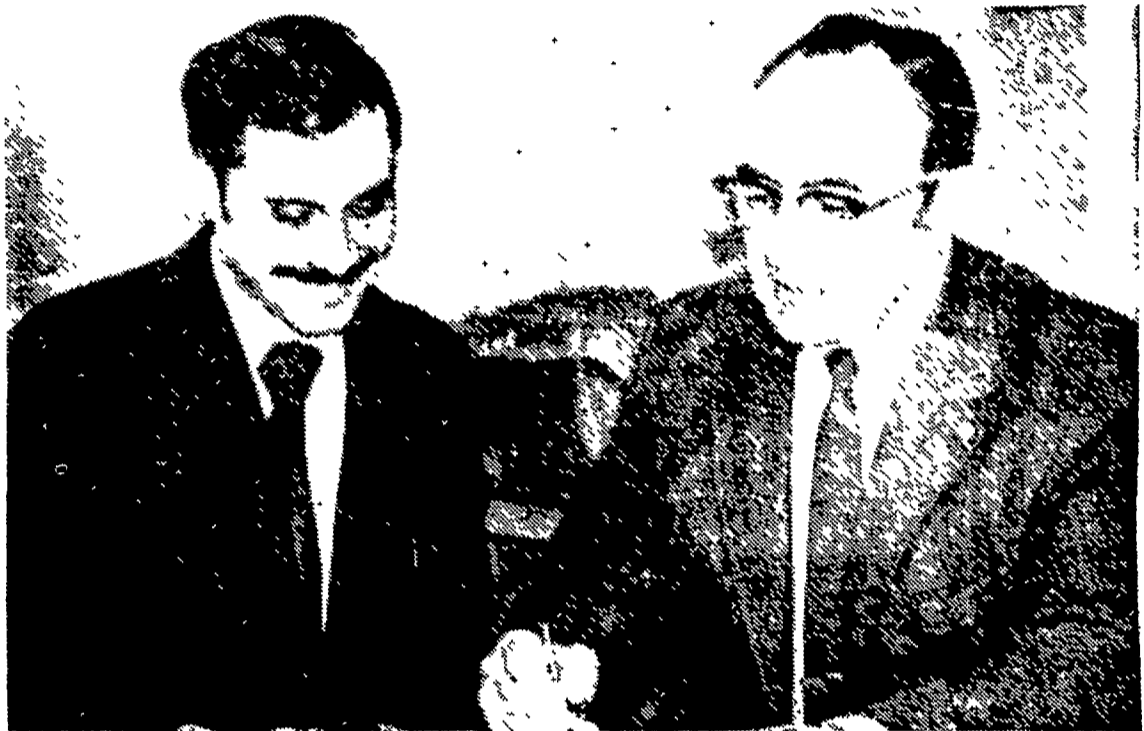
Jim McHale, state secretary of Agriculture, reported that statewide about 30 per cent of the corn crop is of resistant varieties and presumably not subject to the blight.

In addition, another large proportion is blend corn, which combines resistant and non-resistant varieties; while blend corn presumably has some resistance, it is uncertain how these varieties might react to blight. Another factor is that most of the varieties which were hit hardest last year were almost completely eliminated from planting this year.

While urging caution and a wait-and-see attitude, Lueck emphasized that officials have "a deep concern" as to what the blight might do.

Last year, the blight hit too late to cause much damage in

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N. Alan Bair, left, is the new assistant Lancaster County agricultural agent, who will join the county Extension staff July 1. He is shown during a recent visit to the county, going over some details of his new assignment with Max Smith, Lancaster County ag agent. Bair just completed his BS and MS degrees in dairy science at

Penn State. He is married to the former Sally Brown, Adams County, also a Penn State graduate. Bair grew up on a dairy farm in Northern York County. He joins the general Extension staff and will have several duties, including dairying and 4-H work, Smith said.

## Sue Kauffman Named Lancaster County Dairy Princess



This is the new Lancaster County Dairy Princess and her family in front of their home. They are: left to right, Sue,

the new dairy princess, Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman and Linda.

Susan Ann Kauffman is the mer, 18, daughter of Mr and new Lancaster County Dairy Princess

She was chosen from among seven contestants at the annual Lancaster County Dairy Princess pageant Tuesday evening at the Farm and Home Center.

Sue, as she is known by her family and friends, is a blonde, freckle-faced 17 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1. The Kauffman's are well known in local Holstein breeding circles.

The new dairy princess was crowned Tuesday night by Miss Marilyn B. Krantz, who was Lancaster County Dairy Princess for the past year. Miss Krantz also is Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and will compete for the national title in Chicago during the coming week.

Runner-up in the Tuesday night pageant was Miss Linda Martin, 17, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ira Martin, Holtwood RD1. She will reign in the event that the dairy princess cannot.

The Miss Congeniality award, selected by the contestants themselves, went to Cynthia Bal-

mer, 18, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz RD4.

Other contestants were Name: ette Stauffer, Carol Kettering, Patricia S. Haverstick and Sally Hostetter.

The new Dairy princess is thoroughly familiar with dairying and is a veteran showman.

Her Penn Springs Bill Topper, now a five year old Holstein, was the national junior All-American junior yearling in 1967, the 1967 junior All-Pennsylvania and All-Pennsylvania animal, and high honorable men-

### Farm Calendar

Tuesday, June 29  
6 p m — Garden Spot Young Farmers, Philadelphia baseball game, meet at Garden Spot High School

Wednesday, June 30  
FFA Activities Week, Penn State University campus, June 30 - July 2.

Saturday, July 3  
Kutztown Folk Festival, July 3-10.

### A Busy Week -- In This Issue

Southern Corn Blight hits throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania, we get a new associate ag agent and choose a Dairy Princess. See these articles on page 1.

In addition, there's three articles on research — including possible alternatives to corn — underway at Landisville, on pages 13, 22 and 24. Our Favorite Recipes column on cherries is on pages 18 and 19. Editorials are on page 16, 4-H news on 17 and 20, Farm Societies on 21, and many other items throughout.