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Southern Corn Blight Spreads Rapidly During Past Week

The Southern Corn Blight has spread extensively throughout Lancaster County and Southeastern Pennsylvania during the past several days, according to several reports.

While the blight level had been fairly stable following initial outbreak several weeks ago, officials report that within the past week, the blight has

gotten much more active. It is now considered a definite threat to the region's T or non-resistant varieties, with possible damage to some of the blend or partially resistant varieties.

The primary concern of local officials is that the blight is at a serious stage two to three weeks earlier than it reached this stage last year. The feeling

is that the blight has plenty of time in the next two to three weeks to cause considerable damage locally, if the blight continues to spread vigorously, as it has during the past week.

Except in a few scattered fields, however, damage is reported still light.

But the blight is reported to be present in many fields at

levels sufficient to indicate it could cause considerable damage.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Extension officials scheduled a meeting for Friday afternoon at the Russellville Grange Hall in

Chester County "because of the rapidly changing developments and the southern corn leaf blight disease." Penn State University pathologists and Lancaster County agents, including Max Smith, (Continued on Page 4)



Mark Nestleroth, left, Lancaster County Swine Producers Association president, chats with Dr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson at the As-

sociations field day Thursday. Dr. Johnson, of the USDA's Beltsville, Md., swine research staff, was a field day speaker.

Annual Co. Swine Producers Field Day Is Held Thursday

About 200 swine producers and allied industry men turned out to hear speakers, view films, see exhibits of the latest swine equipment and eat pork barbecue at the annual Lancaster County Swine Producers Field Day Thursday at the Farm and Home Center.

Mark Nestleroth, Manheim RD3, Swine Association president, announced that the decision has been made to locate the swine testing station in Lancaster County at the Allen and Wilmer Groff farm, Manheim RD4. Further details will be announced later.

The station has been discussed for the past year as a tool in helping local producers develop better quality animals.

A total of 18 exhibitors entered displays in the Field Day. Nestleroth said about 150 persons joined in the barbecue, but (Continued on Page 4)

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Also see two special FFA reports on local persons to receive top honors at the FFA National Convention in Kansas City in October on pages 15 and 23.

Page 1 includes articles on local 4-H winners in state competition, the annual Lancaster County Swine Producers Field Day and the spread of Southern Corn Blight during the past week.

Farm Calendar

Sunday, August 15

26th annual meeting, Soil Conservation Society of America, Columbus, Ohio, Aug 15-18.

Monday, August 16

Kutztown Fair, August 16-21

Wednesday, August 18

5:30 p.m. — Lancaster County FFA Picnic, Elizabethtown (Continued on Page 3)

Pomona Grange Sets Picnic

Lancaster County Pomona Grange 71 will hold its annual picnic at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 21 at the Holtwood Athletic Field Park.

Members and friends should bring a meat dish, another dish and their own place settings. Coleran Grange will provide rolls, butter and beverage. Fulton Grange will provide tablecloth.

Gyles H. Brown, Master, will conduct a brief business meeting when Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Holloway Jr. will report for the Grange visitation committee. Lorán Brinton, Alfred Wanner Sr. and Jesse Wood will serve on the resolution committee.

Mrs. Jesse Wood, Lecturer, is planning for a quoit tournament, volleyball, softball and other games and entertainment.

Holstein Youth Contestants Asked

Applications are being accepted for Lancaster County entries in the annual Pennsylvania Holstein Youth Contest.

Deadline for Lancaster County entries is September 15 for the Distinguished Holstein Boy and Girl Contest and November 1 for the Milk and Fat Contest. Entry can be made by writing

Donald L. Hershey, Manheim RD2, or by phoning him at 665-3808.

During the past year, Lancaster County had both the Boy and Girl winners in the state Distinguished Junior Member contest. They are Susan Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1, and Earl Stauffer, Ephrata RD1.



Several Lancaster Countians attending the Lancaster County Swine Producers Field

Day at the Farm and Home Center Thursday enjoy their pork chops, as others wait in line.

Lancaster Co. Dairy, Junior Livestock Teams Win State Events

Two Lancaster County 4-H judging teams took first places in state-wide competition this week at Penn State University.

At the same time, four of 17 county representatives in the state competition received blue ribbons for individual high scores.

The first place teams were in dairy judging and junior livestock judging.

The county senior livestock

team placed third and the horse judging team was 15th out of 46 teams competing. The county was eighth in tractor driving.

Leading the Lancaster County team in the dairy contest was Sue Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1, who was recently named Lancaster County Dairy Princess. She was third high individual scorer.

Another team member, Raelene Harbold, Elizabethtown

RD1, was fourth. Both received blue ribbons.

Also on the team were Burnell Buchen, Manheim RD3, and Robert Hess, Strasburg RD1, who placed 13th and 25th individually and received red ribbons.

Michael Martin, New Holland RD1, paced the winning junior livestock team with his second high individual score, followed by James Martin, Pequea

RD1, who was fifth high individual. Both Martins received blue ribbons. Also on the team were Richard Hess and Randy Hess, Strasburg RD1. Richard was eighth and received a red ribbon.

Members of the third place senior livestock team were Jeffrey Greider, Columbia RD2, red ribbon; Edwin Hess, Strasburg RD1, red ribbon; Gary Buchen, Manheim RD3, white

ribbon, and Joseph Lefever, Manheim RD4.

Members of the horse judging team were James Watts, 21 N Grant St., Manheim, white ribbon; Karen Horn, Manheim RD2, white ribbon; Nancy Henkel, Strasburg RD1, and Karen Ressler, Elizabethtown RD1.

Darryl Bollinger, Manheim RD1, placed eighth in the tractor driving contest.

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