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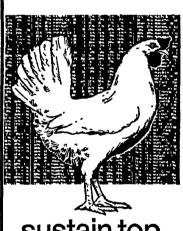


As soon as the showing competition was over Thursday night at the Manheim Fair, Robert Kauffman had chores to attend. His

# Beware of Spreading Weed Seed guickly becomes difficult and

Combines and other harvesting equipment "may be carrying the seeds of destruction" to your cropland, says Ian M. Wedderspoon, Maryland State Board of Agriculture (SBA) Weed Control supervisor.

Johnsongrass seeds and rhizomes are easily carried about on farm equipment, especially at this time of the year. Spot infestations of the week--along fencerows or roadways, for example-can be spread over the farm, An infestation in one field can be transported to other fields. Once spread, Johnsongrass



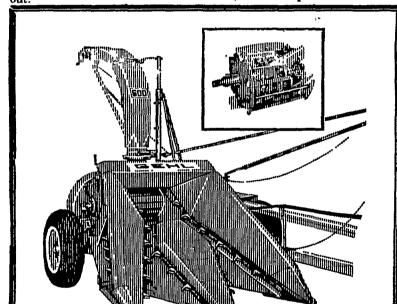
expensive to control. It can choke the life out of prime production land. It is estimated that Johnsongrass is already costing Maryland over \$1 million-a-year in reduced crops and control efforts.

"A single seed, or a small piece of rhizome, is enough to start an infestation that will cost you more and more every year for a long time," Wedderspoon points out.

Holstein took several top spots, including reserve grand champion.

> "Every grower," he adds, "must make sure that combines and other equipment-customoperated or the grower's own-are clear of weed matter before entering another field or work area.'

"If we are going to cut our Johnsongrass losses, we've got to stop spreading the weed from field to field and farm to farm. Every custom equipment operator, every grower must make sure his harvesting equipment is not sowing weeds that will reduce the next harvest," Wedderspoon said.



### Ruhl, Greiner Win Tractor Contests

Glenn Ruhl, Manheim RD2, won the FFA tractor driving contest last Friday at the Manheim Fair.

In the adult class, Dale Greiner, Manheim RD2, was the winner.

Dennis Saylor, Manheim RD4, was second and Glenn Lehman, Manheim RD2, third in the FFA

Ben Nolt, Manheim RD1, took second in the adult driving, with Donald Hershey, Manheim RD2. third.

First place winners received a trophy and \$8 cash. Winners of the next four places in the FFA competition were awarded plaques and T-shirts. Adults placing second to fifth received cash prizes of five, three, two and one dollars.



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