

Area Farm Show Dates Announced

Pennsylvanians will have an opportunity to attend a total of 109 agricultural fairs this season. The season got underway with the Pennsylvania Maple Festival, Myersdale, Somerset County, held on April 5 through 8. It will end with the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg next January 7 through 11.

Fairs in the LANCASTER FARMING readership area, by county, are:

Lancaster County - Sept. 19-21, Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, Quarryville; Sept. 25-29, Ephrata Fair, Ephrata; Sept. 26-28, West Lampeter Community Fair, Lampeter; Oct. 3-6, New Holland Farmers Fair, New Holland;

Oct. 10-12, Manheim Community Fair, Manheim.

Chester County - July 18-28, Kimberton Fair, Phoenixville; July 30-Aug. 4, Goshen County Fair, West Chester; Oct. 10-13, Unionville Community Fair, Unionville.

York County - Aug. 6-11, Great Dallastown Fair, Dallastown; Sept. 11-15, York Inter-State Fair, York; Oct. 18-20, Dillsburg Community Fair, Dillsburg.

Lebanon County - Aug. 13-18, Lebanon Area Fair, Lebanon.

Berks County - Aug. 20-25, Kutztown Fair, Kutztown; Aug. 29-Sept. 3, Reading Fair, Reading; Sept. 25-29, Oley Valley Fair, Oley.

Dauphin County - Sept. 16-22, Gratz Fair, Gratz.

Redoubling of Efforts to Wipe Out Hog Cholera Urged

Officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) urge hog producers, truckers and market and slaughter establishment operators to continue looking for hog cholera despite an all-time low in this disease.

No confirmed hog cholera cases have been disclosed in the 50 states since February 7 when a herd was found infected in Virginia. The infected herd was destroyed and the owner was indemnified for losses.

Puerto Rico experienced two recent cases, on March 22 and 23 and is the only area currently under federal quarantine for hog cholera.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) say we are now approaching a period when hog cholera outbreaks have reached seasonal highs in past years, during farrowing, and when shipping and marketing activities are prevalent.

The previous longest period with no hog cholera reported nationally was 37 days in late 1971. Over 80 days have passed since the last case was diagnosed in mainland United States.

Dr. E. E. Saulmon, deputy administrator of APHIS Veterinary Services, urged all representatives of the swine industry to redouble their efforts

to wipe out hog cholera. "No one thinks we've seen the last of this disease", he emphasized, so let's find the trouble spots now before they can spread."

Hog cholera, caused by a virus, used to be the nation's number one killer of swine. A state-federal cooperative program to eradicate the disease, launched in late 1962, has succeeded in wiping out infection in 41 states now classified as "hog cholera free" by USDA.

The disease does not affect animals other than swine and poses no health risks to humans.

APHIS officials warned hog producers against feeding raw or improperly cooked garbage to swine. The disease may be passed to hogs through uncooked pork scraps or bones.

Producers were also cautioned to be on the alert for the disease in baby pigs. APHIS veterinarians pointed out the sows which contract hog cholera virus during pregnancy can base it to their offspring without showing disease signs themselves. Baby pigs, born with hog cholera, may not appear ill until they are weaned or otherwise put under stress.

Baby pigs can spread hog cholera to other pigs in the herd. So it's important for hog producers to watch their whole herds and not just the little pigs. Any suspected hog cholera should be reported to animal health officials immediately.

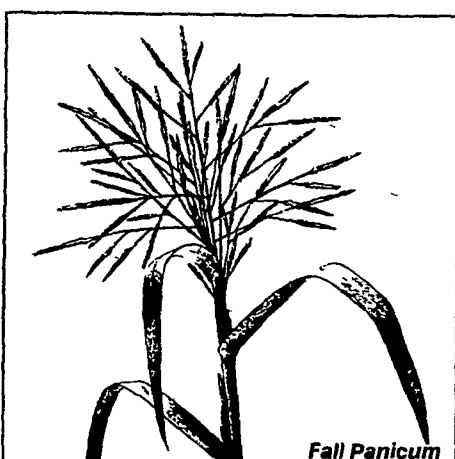
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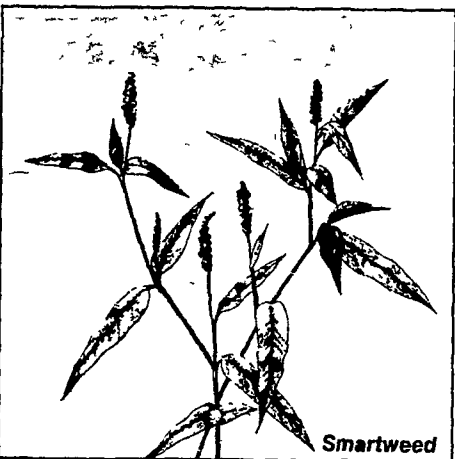
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