

## Four Contestants Slated At "Pork Cookout King" Contest

Finals of the "Pennsylvania Pork Cookout King" contest will be held October 20th starting at 1 p.m. in the Manor Shopping Center, Millersville Pike, Lancaster.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Pork Producers, the contest will select the Cookout King, who competes for the National Pork Cookout "Crown" in Des Moines, Iowa March 3 thru 5.

This year's contestants are Bill Stallsmith, representing York County Pork Producers; Terry Wible of Chambersburg, the South Central Pork Producers contestant; Abe Landis, Hatfield, winner of the Eastern Pork Producers local contest, and Kenneth Hershey, Gap, the Lancaster County Pork Producers' entry.

Judges for the contest will be Doris Thomas, Lancaster, County Extension home economist and Bob Mallick, farm director for WGAL-TV.

Contestants are judged not only on the actual taste and appetizing appearance of their entries, but also on originality of the meat cut and best use of agricultural products in preparing the dish. Appearance of barbecue equipment, manner of displaying entry and all-over chefing ability and showmanship accounts for 10 percent of the total score.

Dr. John H. Ziegler, professor of agriculture at Penn State University, was last year's winner. His winning barbecue entry was French Bird with Wild Rice. This pork chop dish combined rice, bacon, cheese, cubed bread and seasonings. Chops are stuffed ahead of time, then frozen until wanted. 1½ hours over hot charcoal produces a tasty work-free meat dish that enhances any outdoor or indoor picnic.

Last year's winning recipe, along with the recipes from previous winners and current contestants will be distributed to

Leaf-eating gypsy moth caterpillars defoliated an estimated 1,773,846 acres of woodland in nine northeastern states this summer, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports. This is an increase of about 400,000 acres over the 1972 defoliation.

Leo G. K. Iverson, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), said the pest now is spreading from the New England area and heading through Pennsylvania. APHIS

the public at the contest. No admission charge to watch the contest.

Members of the Lancaster County Pork Producers will be manning a stand where barbecued ham slices will be for sale. The ham can be eaten there or taken home

## Gypsy Moths Defoliate 856,710 Acres in Pa.

scientists also point out that the pest is moving from an area of less-favored food to a region where its favorite hardwood trees are more prevalent.

Pennsylvania was the hardest hit northeastern state this year with approximately 856,710 defoliated acres. Other states with defoliated acres include an estimated 333,215 in Connecticut; 254,865 in New Jersey; 248,441 in New York; 43,970 in Massachusetts; 35,925 in Rhode Island; 490 in Maine; 200 in Vermont; and 30 in New Hampshire.

Mr. Iverson said the Pocono

region of eastern Pennsylvania was particularly hard hit. In several counties, 70 percent of the trees were almost completely stripped.

The gypsy moth was brought into this country in 1869 for scientific experiments, but accidentally escaped. A single 2-inch caterpillar can eat a square foot of leaves every 24 hours. In infested areas the pests annually attack foliage of trees in forests, homesites, parks and recreational areas.

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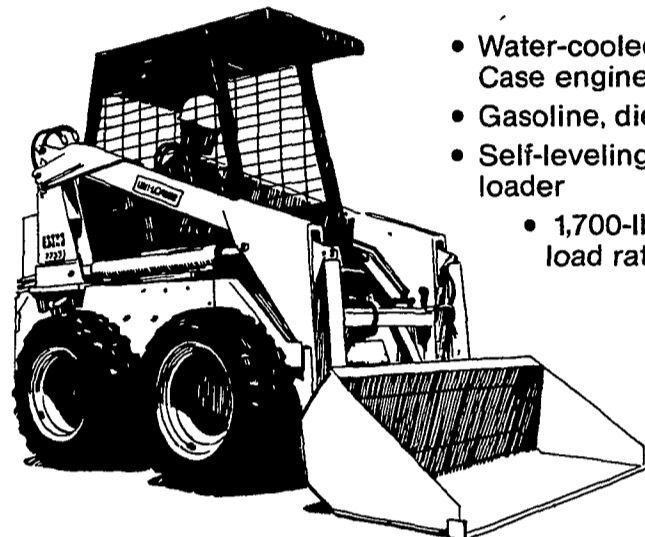
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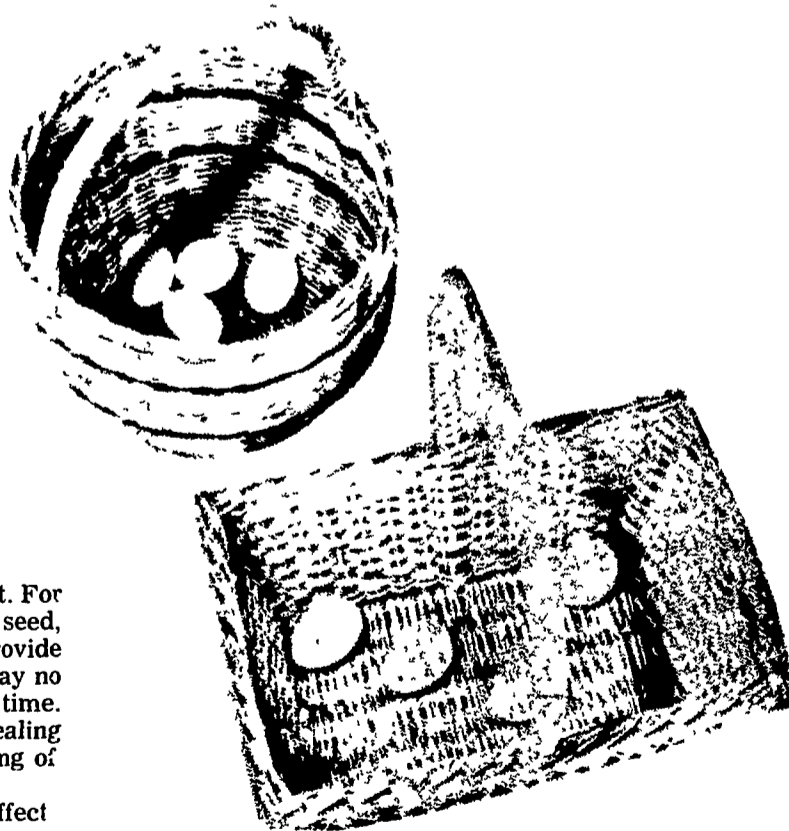
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