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Pennfield Corporation has added two new area managers to its Feed Marketing Division, it was announced by Joel C. Habegger, division manager. Francis G. Strause has been assigned to the Dairy and Livestock Division and David R. Delaney to Poultry Feeds. Strause successfully completed a sales training program offered by Penn-

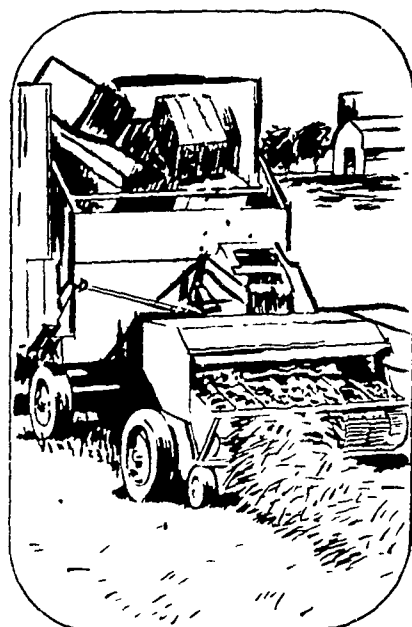
field prior to his assignment. He is a graduate of Penn State University and holds his degree in agricultural business management. He is a native of Berks County and resides in West Lawn, there. Delaney, a graduate of Melrose High School in

Massachusetts, attended Millersville State College. Before joining Pennfield, he was a sales representative for New Holland Supply, Inc. He, his wife, Joyce, and their two children live on Edgemont Drive in East Petersburg.

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Farmers are encouraged to wash their machinery when moving from one field to another. This can be done using water and a little household chlorine bleach.

Dr. Felix L. Lukezic, associate professor of plant pathology at PennState, said the fungal spores are carried on horizontal fixed surfaces of equipment. Anthracnose does not survive on moving parts of machinery, where the crop is compressed, he

explained.

Anthracnose has been one of the most severe problems alfalfa growers must face each year. Only recently have new varieties been developed with substantial resistance to the disease.

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