

Sex Lure Traps Set in Perry Co.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Plant Industry is setting sex lure traps in

Perry County in a project to halt corn destroying moths, it was announced by Secretary Jim McHale.

McHale said information gathered from the 15 sex attractant traps will be sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's research unit which is investigating the European corn borer, a caterpillar that attacks ears and stems of field and sweet corn.

McHale said his department is also cooperating with USDA on a study of the cereal leaf beetle, a pest of spring grains such as wheat, oats and barley.

Henry F. Nixon, director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, explained that both pests are native to Europe and were accidentally introduced into North America.

European corn borer work is being done in cooperation with the USDA's Corn Borer Research Unit at Ankeny, Iowa.

Nixon said the object of the 1974 study is to determine whether male corn borer moths in various regions respond to different sex attractants of the female moths.

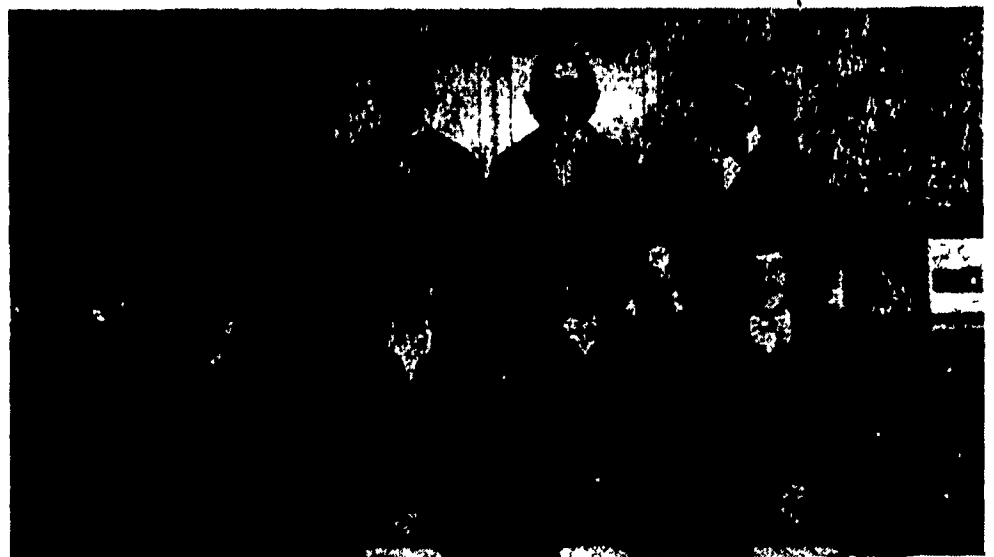
In the Perry County experiment, Nixon explained that the number of male moths attracted to different combinations of sex attractant chemicals will be recorded twice each week. "This information will be useful in setting up traps used to monitor corn borer populations," said Nixon. "Researchers and growers will then be able to know

when moths are first present, permitting a timely application of insecticides."

The cereal leaf beetle project is being done in cooperation with the USDA's Cereal Leaf Beetle Rearing Laboratory at Niles, Michigan.

"This project," Nixon said, "is to determine the distribution of a tiny wasp that was introduced in several western Pennsylvania counties to feed on cereal leaf beetle eggs. We want to know if this beneficial wasp has spread eastward and so our bureau will be collecting cereal leaf beetle eggs in seven eastern counties."

Nixon said both projects will be under the direction of



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Finley B. Negley, the bureau's chief entomologist, and bureau specialists Dr. Alfred G. Wheeler and James F. Stimmel.

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