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## Hog cholera hits eastern herds, federal quarantines imposed

By MELISSA PIPER

LANCASTER — The swine industry was jarred this week when hog cholera, a highly infectious viral disease affecting that particular livestock species, was confirmed in

several herds along the eastern seaboard.

As of publication time five herds in the Gloucester County area of New Jersey had been affected along with two herds in Massachusetts and one herd in Rhode Island. All counties affected

in these states had been placed under federal quarantine by the USDA on Wednesday evening.

Last Saturday, (Feb. 28) the disease had been found in three herds in New Jersey involving about 5350 hogs. At that time the New Jersey

Department of Agriculture slapped a "hold order" on all swine movements within the state but when subsequent herds came down with the disease the federal quarantine quickly replaced

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## Fertilizer situation described

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER — "There is a very real shortage of fertilizer the last two or three years, and we were in a very unrealistic situation... this year we're in a realistic situation and

supplies of N, P, and K will be adequate," a marketing specialist from Chevron Chemical Co. told a group of farmers here earlier this week.

Herb Roup, Chevron representative, was one of

two guest speakers at a dinner meeting sponsored by Chevron and P. L. Rohrer of Smoketown.

Distribution is the problem fertilizer manufacturers and dealers are concerned with. According to Chevron

spokesmen, as well as others from various companies across the nation, a shortage of railroad cars may develop. It was explained that this is particularly true since grain exports have and

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## GSYF name outstanding member

By DIETER KRIEG

BLUE BALL - John Weaver, a dairyman from the Weaverland area has been named the outstanding young farmer of the Garden Spot Young Farmers Association for 1975. He

received the recognition during that organization's annual banquet, held here at the Fire Hall last week.

Weaver farms 130 acres and milks 76 cows in a stanchion barn equipped with pipeline milkers and

liquid manure system. He and his sons have brought the herd average up over 15,000-pounds of milk and 580 of fat. A member of Eastern Milk Producers, he serves his Pequea local as vice-president. The OYF winner

competed against Robert Book, Bareville; William Fisher, East Earl; and Harold Musselman, New Holland.

Other awards handed out that evening went to out-

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## E-Town corn growers honored

By MELISSA PIPER

RHEEMS — The first annual banquet for the Elizabethtown Young Farmers was held at the Fire Hall here last Friday evening, with president,

Larry Garber, as toastmaster.

During the meeting, three members of the young farmer group were recognized for their placings in the corn contest which was

held during the summer. In the corn silage competition, Don Mowrer, Elizabethtown R4, was named first place winner and received both an award from the young farmers and seed corn from

Doebler's. Irvin Engle, Marietta R1, was the second place winner in the silage division and also captured second place in the shelled corn contest. Engle received

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## Agriculture to be saluted March 22

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - The nation's farmers, rural towns and agribusiness firms will observe American Agriculture Day on March 22, 1976.

Designed to promote better understanding of U.S. agriculture by consumers, elected officials and other nonfarm groups, American Agriculture Day is an opportunity for everyone connected with agriculture to explain its accomplishments, problems and opportunities to their city neighbors.

Planned, coordinated and sparked by members of the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), Ag Day '76 is a nationwide "do-your-own-thing" celebration.

"From the response we've been getting, Ag Day

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## Cartoon feature added

Beginning with this issue, LANCASTER FARMING will regularly feature a rural humor cartoon called "Rural Route." Drawn by free-lance artist, Thomas Armstrong of Sellersville, Pa., this new feature is designed to tickle and refresh our hearts and minds. Armstrong is a 1955 Penn State graduate with a degree in animal science. He was a member of the livestock judging team and had at one time been herdsman for one of the largest purebred Angus herds in the East. Then eight years in

agricultural business with a farm machinery dealer brought him in direct contact with the farmer. Armstrong describes "Rural Route" as a cartoon which will feature a farm family, with the farmer as the main character. The farmer is an honest, hard working man with perhaps

an above average dislike for bureaucracy, red tape, and the interference by others in his chosen profession. Readers will find the new feature on page 10.

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Among those receiving special awards at the annual Garden Spot Young Farmers banquet were, left to right, John Weaver - outstanding young farmer for 1975; Bill Fisher, first-place corn silage producer; Andrew Stoltzfus, a dual-winner for dairy achievement and corn for grain; and Earl Weaver, winner of the new varieties in corn contest.

E-town corn growers were recently honored during a young farmer dinner. Winners were (from left) Irvin Engle, Marietta R1, second place corn silage & shelled corn; Dale Hiestand, Bainbridge, R1, first place shelled corn and Don Mowrer, E-town R4, first place corn silage.