

# Farmers inspect weed control

Pennsylvania lays claim to some of the best farming country in the world, with much of the credit for that claim attributable to the innovativeness and progressiveness of her farmers. But, like farmers all across the world, Pennsylvania farmers must also cope with problems like bad weather, chemical shortages, and insect and weed infestations.

According to university weed specialists, one of the largest growing problems is the spread and dominance of perennial broadleaf weeds. With minimum and no-till techniques gaining in popularity, weed control poses a particular problem in parts of Pennsylvania.

Farmers in Lancaster, Lebanon, and Berks counties viewed some possible solutions to that problem on two recently-held weed tours, organized by P.L. Rohrer and Agway, Inc. Sponsored by Velsicol Chemical Corporation, the tours visited several farms in the area, where corn and pasture test plots were treated with Banvel, that herbicide has established a reputation as an effective broadleaf weed killer, controlling even the hard-to-kill weeds often missed by other herbicides.

Control ranged from good to excellent, with the most outstanding treatments seen in two quarts Sutan (PPI) followed by 1/2 pint Banvel post, and in two quarts Lasso plus one pint Banvel early post.

Control was good, too, in the no-till plots, an area where Banvel is gaining in popularity, having been recommended as an effective herbicide at the year's No-Till Conference in Hershey.

"Using Banvel following Sutan generally gives the farmer excellent control," explained Bergstrom. "Sutan gets the grasses, especially nutgrass, which is a problem in this area, while Banvel gets the broadleaves. The Banvel-Lasso combination, while just as economical as other treatments, has the advantage of no carryover. In a rotational system," he emphasized, "that can be extremely important."



A picture worth a thousand words. Excellent weed control.



Bob Bergstrom, Velsicol sales rep, explains the advantages of clearing pasture land of thistles and other woody and herbaceous plants. This pasture was treated just 10 days previously with Weedmaster herbicide (a pre-mix combination of one pound dicamba and three pounds 2, 4-D).



Mel Kramer, Dairy Enterprise salesman at Agway, Inc., stresses need for adequate weed control.

## Tobacco to mechanize

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Hundreds of thousands of workers in flue-cured tobacco farming may face reduced employment by 1980 as the industry turns to mechanization, according to USDA's Economic Research Service.

The workers, mostly youths and women, may be displaced by mechanical harvesters and bulk systems. In a bulk system, tobacco leaves are compressed in bales and brought into barns for curing. Fewer workers are needed than with the traditional system of hanging individual leaves for curing.

The analysis, conducted jointly by ERS, U.S. Department of Labor, and North Carolina State University, noted that bulk systems were used on only

eight per cent of the tobacco crop in 1972, but that they would be used for as much as 63 per cent in 1980. Mechanical harvester use could rise from only one per cent of the crop to as much as 30 per cent in that period.

As a result, between 84,000 and 266,000 job opportunities may be eliminated, according to the projection. The hardest hit area would be the Coastal Plain of North Carolina, which could average a loss of almost 800 harvest jobs annually.

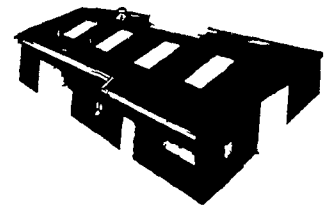
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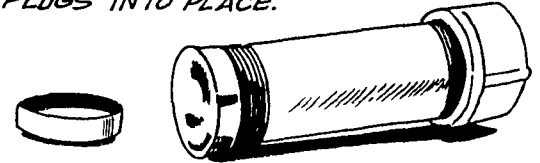
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5 yr.	14,438M	553F	305 da.
6 yr.	14,056M	535F	305 da.
Jean Maview Dunloggin Direct dau.			
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8 yr.	14,377M	542F	305 da.
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