

York 4-H'ers to size up potatoes at Farm Show

YORK - You're not suffering with Swine flu, Asian flu or Russian flu?

But what about Hollow Heart, Pitted Scab, Rhizoctonia, Shrivelling or Greening?

If you're afflicted from any of those symptoms, chances are that you'll never make it as a US Grade No. 1 potato.

Four York County 4-H'ers have been studying potato diseases and grading standards in preparation for team judging competition at the Farm Show.

Members of the team are Beckie Brenneman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brenneman, Glen Rock R2; Linda Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, Loganville; Joanne Haskins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Haskins,

Spring Grove R3 and Lisa Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, Shrewsbury.

A two-part competition, the 4-H Club Potato Identification and Grading Contest will be held on Thursday morning, beginning at 9 a.m., in Room E on the second floor of the main exhibition room of the Harrisburg complex.

Team members will examine 100 individual potatoes during the first part of the judging, deciding if each qualified for the US No. 1 grade. In the second portion of the contest, a defect on each of 40 potatoes will be circled and the 4-H judges must identify the defect by name.

Cash awards will be presented to the top five teams, with ribbons going to

all teams placing in the top ten.

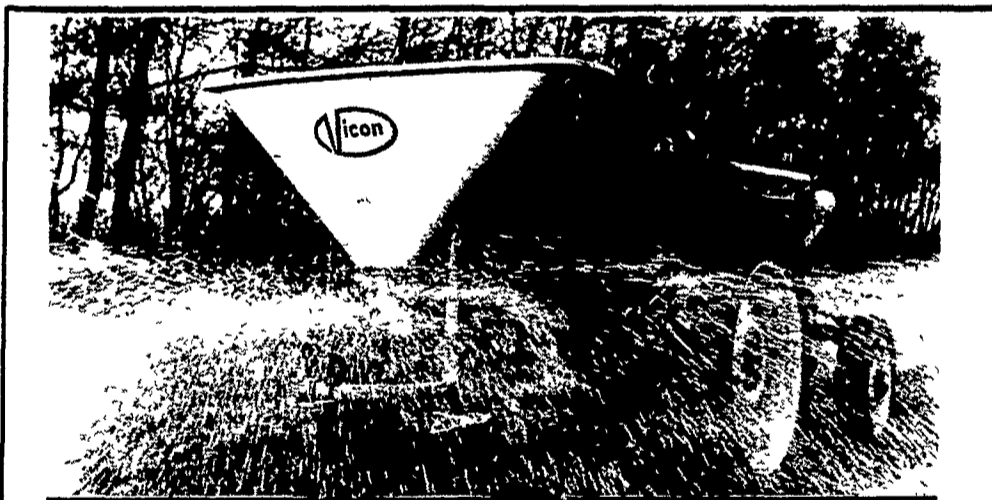
Twenty different common defects affect grading. Some that judges will be looking for include: Blight - brown-colored decayed areas that form irregular sunken patches in storage; bruises, cuts and dirt - handling damage is usually caused by droppage during harvest and storage. Some cuts are permitted, according to size. Dirty potatoes do not qualify for Grade No. 1.

Some defects are graded according to the amount of waste they cause or how the potato appearance is affected. Dry rot is usually found on the stem end of a potato and may be a whitish mold that is dry and brittle. Rodent injury is identified by holes made by gnawing

(Turn to Page 54)



Common defects of white potatoes are discussed by judging team members, from left, Beckie Brenneman, Linda Brown, and Lisa Thompson, and coach, York Extension Agent Tim Markovits.



VICON'S SPREADER HAS WINNING FORM DOWN THE MIDDLE OR ON THE LINE.

Vicon is the spreader/seeder with the versatility of an Olympic swimmer. One simple adjustment lets you spread fertilizer just over the root zone of a row - skipping the middles. Then with a change time of less than three minutes, you can do conventional broadcast spreading or seeding with winning results. It's also great for applying chemicals or lime.



The Vicon spreader/seeder has few moving parts. Non-corrosive polyester or heavy duty stainless steel parts resist corrosion and last longer. Hopper capacities range from 600 pounds to 6 tons.

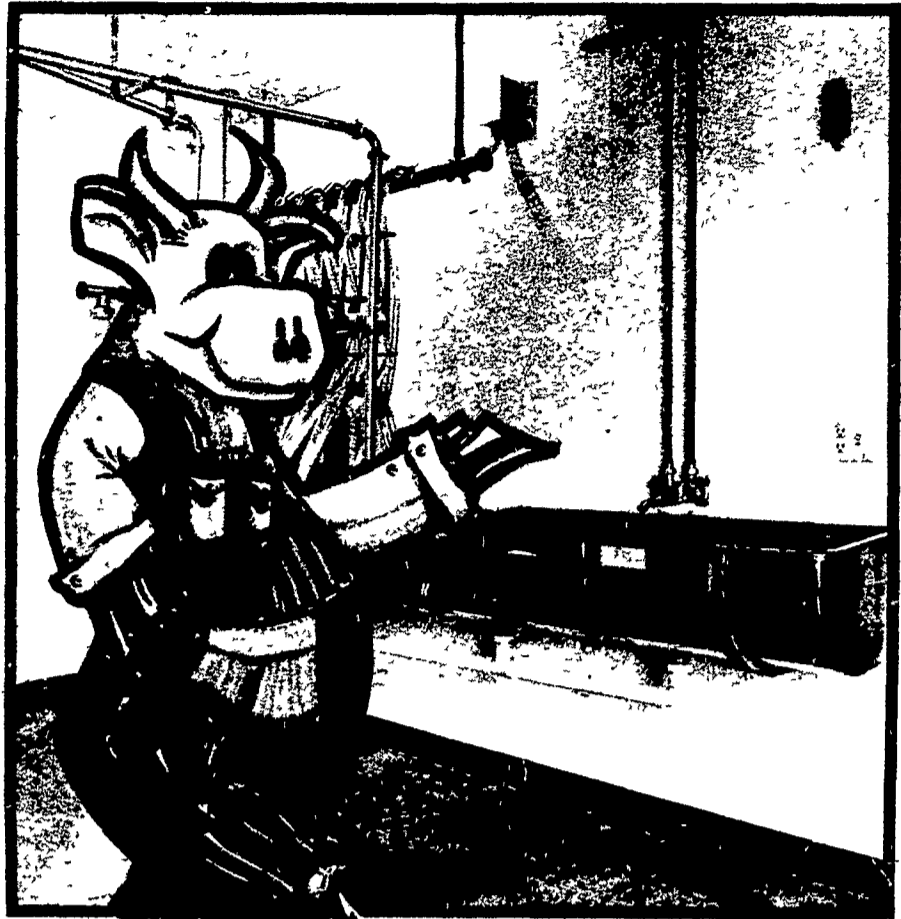
See the Vicon spreader champ in action at your dealer right away. You'll understand why challengers don't have a chance.

VICON FIELDS THE WINNERS.

vicon farm machinery inc. 

3741 Cook Blvd Chesapeake Virginia 23323-804/485-1600

CONTACT: **BOYD MOODY**
3741 Cook Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23323



"Can't get your walls clean?"

Kemlite's GLASBORD® frp wall panel cleans up easy!

- Moistureproof
- Rustproof
- Dentproof
- Shatterproof
- Stain resistant
- Odorfree
- Will not rot or mildew
- Cleans simply/quickly
- U.S.D.A. accepted

Glasbord panel is a tough, semi-rigid wall lining material of fiber glass reinforced plastic - superior to metal and painted finishes. It installs easily in any type construction and is suitable for building new or refurbishing. Available in a variety of sizes, complete with all accessories. Also available with low smoke development, fire retardant properties. Ask about low smoke Fire-X Glasbord paneling.

Get complete information from:

A
PRODUCT
OF

RYDER SUPPLY
CO.

Phone:
717/263-9111

R. R. 8, P. O. Box 219
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201

Glasbord Reg U.S. Pat Off

- Send information on Glasbord frp panel.
- Have representative call.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Type of farm _____

A
PRODUCT
OF

RYDER SUPPLY
CO.

Phone
717/263-9111

R. R. 8, P. O. Box 219
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201

RYDER SUPPLY
CO.

Phone: 717/263-9111
R.R. 8, P.O. Box 219
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201

380-381 Main Floor • D949-D954 Dairy Barn