

Lancaster-York veg growers hold annual gathering

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YORK — Horticulture has become a fast growing industry and Lancaster and York Counties are no exception. The annual Lancaster-York Vegetable Growers Meeting was held January 16, 1980 at Avalong Banquet Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Discussion throughout the course of the day ranged from new varieties of hybrid plants and mulches to pest and how to exterminate them.

A new type of biodegradable mulch has been discovered. This mulch is called Ecolyte which means it "ecologically breaks down in sunlight."

Ecolyte is made in Ontario, Canada and a four foot wide by 3000 ft. roll costs \$120. This may sound expensive, but if you think about it, it's not, growers were told.

Regular plastic, has to be picked up after the growing season. With the Ecolyte, recovery cost is saved since it is a biodegradable mulch.

A panel consisting of two York and one Lancaster

County Vegetable Farmers discussed the problems they had in raising their crops in 1979. York County Extension Agent John Smith acted as moderator.

All agreed the main problem of the 1979 growing season was the weather.

Strawberries, even green ones rotted because of the wet weather. Lima beans all across the US were for the most part a failure this year because of weather conditions.

In this area, cantaloupes had a poor year. The blossoms didn't get a change to set fruit because of washing rains. The first sweet corn plants seemed to have a good start.

Then a bad storm with extremely heavy rains and hail passed through the area. That about did most of the sweet corn in.

There are many diseases and insects that can effect your vegetables. If a grower knows what to look for and what to use to cure it, that's half the battle.

Bacterial specks on tomatoes can be treated with TBCS (a copper fungicide) mixed with M45 to give the

best results. On snap beans, Benlate gives good results for White Mold.

Cabbage can be infected with many different kinds of pests. The imported cabbage worm leaves ragged eating of the leaves. Cabbage loopers leave large holes in the leaves as it chews them up.

Either one of these two pests can be treated with a variety of different

pesticides including Lanate, Dipel, and Monter.

Aphids are another serious problem in vegetables. Being asexual, aphids reproduce very rapidly. They are also serious in the fact that they transmit viruses from plant to plant. They should be treated with Methomyl Dipel.

In sweet corn, the European corn borer can be well protected in the stalk

and gradually eat away at the corn plant.

The corn ear worm is the worm that appears right in the kernel of the corn. Both can be treated with many pesticides including Penn-cap-M, Sevin, Lanate, and methyl parathion.

A new variety of Strawberries has been developed. This new strain, called the Scot variety, is considered quite good by many strawberry growers.

They like it for its extra flavor firmness, and color.

After the general meeting was adjourned, York County Growers met for a few minutes to elect three new directors.

Voted to the posts were: Benjamin Wineka, Heil Markey, and John Fitz. These three men will now join the other directors in helping to run the York County Growers.

Alcohol for fuel meeting slated for Jan. 31

LEBANON — A free, public meeting on alcohol for fuel production will be held on Thursday, January 31st at 10:00 A.M. in Room 12 of the Lebanon County Municipal Building, 400 South 8th Street, Lebanon, Pa.

This meeting, sponsored by the Lebanon County Rural Development Committee, is being held to discuss the principals of alcohol production and needed safety consideration.

Dr. James Garthe, Penn State University Agricultural Engineer, Dan Cook, representing the State Gasohol Commission, and Morton Fry, Lancaster County farmer and nurseryman, will discuss various principals and techniques of alcohol production for fuel use. Karl Hellerick, Soil Conservation Service, Chairman of the Lebanon Rural Development Com-

mittee, explained this is a theory type meeting. Instructions on setting up and operating stills will not be given.

However, manufacturers and distributors of stills are invited to distribute literature at this meeting.

Hellerick concluded we will try to present basic information to the farmer so that he can make a decision whether or not to produce some of his own fuel from his own farm grown grain or wood products.



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BAA percent of 102 or higher were: Robert & Paul Eckstine, 105.1; Wayne Hall, 104.4; Harold F. Crider, 104.3; Kenneth Mellot, 104.2; James & Nina Burdette, 103.8; Alvin Meyers, 102.3; Marvin Zimmerman, 102.3; H. Robert Mumma, 102.1; and Alfred & Helen Miller, 102.0.

James Burdette, advisor to the Franklin County Jr. Holstein Club, presented awards to outstanding junior members.

Awards went to: Steve Eckstine, R2 Mercersburg, high 2 Year Old Production Record with 16,943 pounds milk, 663 pounds fat and a 3.9 test; Roger Crider, R5 Chambersburg, high 3 Year Old Production Record with 16,468 pounds of milk, 637 pounds of fat and a 3.9 test; Debbie Cashell, R6 Chambersburg, Distinguished Junior Girl Project Book; Steve Eckstine, R2 Mercersburg, Distinguished Junior Boy Project Book; and Paul Cashell, R6 Chambersburg, Distinguished Senior Boy Project Book.

Directors re-elected to the Holstein Club Board of Directors were Stanley Burkholder, Fred E. Rice and Wayne Hall.

Roy Cordell was a new Director elected to the Board.

George Cashell brought before the group of club members suggestions for selecting the All Pennsylvania Holstein Awards. Cashell along with others in Franklin County are opposing the new system for selecting the All Pennsylvania Awards and feel the old system should be reinstated with some changes.

The Holstein Club voted to have Cashell's suggestions taken to the State Holstein Convention on February 21, 22, 23.

Also during the program committee reports were given. Reports were presented by Theodore Small, Audit Committee report, Clarence Stouffer,

Nominating Committee report; James Burdette, Junior Members report; Robert Eckstine, Sale Committee report; Harold F. Crider, State Director's report; Philip Wagner, County Agent, Franklin County Dairy Promotion Committee report.

Franklin County Holstein Club Officers are: Stanley Burkholder, President; Fred E. Rice, V. President; Norman Sollenberger, Secretary/Treasurer; Harold F. Crider, State Director.

Directors to the Holstein Club are: James Burdette, R1 Mercersburg; Stanley Burkholder, R1 Chambersburg; Harold F. Crider, R5 Chambersburg; Paul R. Gsell, R5 Chambersburg; Wayne Hall, Star Route 1, Shippensburg; William He, R1 Newburg; Robert Mumma, Box 24, Dry Run; Fred E. Rice, R5 Chambersburg; Theodore Small, R1 Chambersburg; Norman Sollenberger, R3 Fayetteville; Clarence Stouffer, R1 Mercersburg; and Roy Cordell, R5 Chambersburg.

Paul Eckstine, R2 Mercersburg is the only retiring Director.

Junior Holstein Club Officers are: Winston Cordell, President; Arlan Crider, V President; Maryanne Johnson, Secretary; Paul Cashell, Treasurer; and Debbie Cashell and Steve Eckstine, News Reporters.

Junior Club Directors are Mike Cordell, Kelly Cordell, Rodney Crider and Rodney Meyers.

Junior Club Advisors are James Burdette-Chairman, Fred E. Rice and Stanley Burkholder

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