

## Pest update for Del. crops

### Farm Business News

#### Named poultry production manager

ITHACA, N.Y. — A.D. "Al" Hibbard has been appointed as Director of Production for Babcock Poultry Farm, Inc. Responsibilities of the newly-created position include the management of all Northeast hatchery and production farm programs, and related administrative and service functions at the firm's world headquarters in Ithaca, New York.

Awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in poultry husbandry in 1951 from Penn State University, Hibbard is a 15-year veteran of Babcock Poultry Farm. Most recently, he had directed technical poultry support functions for Babcock International Corporation in the Far East, following service as a technical representative in the domestic poultry division.

Previously, he had served as a resident research and production coordinator for a major, primary-level Babcock installation in Sweden, and as manager of Babcock Started Pullets, Inc.

Reared on a Vermont egg farm, Hibbard worked in a variety of poultry industry capacities before joining Babcock in 1965.

According to Bruce Babcock, "Al Hibbard brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our expanding poultry

production program. His varied field service in all aspects of poultry health, nutrition and practical management — as well as his extensive contacts with Babcock customers throughout the world — makes him well equipped to direct the complex production program we have at Babcock.

"It's gratifying to be able to promote one of our own people to this important post, particularly Al Hibbard, who has contributed so much to our success."

Hibbard and his wife Ann reside in the Ithaca, New York area.

Babcock Poultry Farm, Inc. is a subsidiary of Babcock Industries, Inc., a multinational agribusiness specializing in the development and marketing of egg-type poultry, swine and related animal health products and services.

#### Baum's barn goes up

ABBOTTSTOWN — The Eldon Baum farm near here will be the scene of busy carpenters on Tuesday, June 17.

All the activity will be centered around the new barn that will begin to rise after 8 a.m.

About 50 people are expected to turn out to help put

GEORGETOWN, Del. — Blacklight trap collections show that peak European corn borer egg-laying activity took place between May 15-24 in the state. Eggs laid during this period will certainly have hatched by now and borers should be nearly half their full size, predicts University of Delaware extension pest management specialist Mark Graustein.

As predicted, first brood moth flight activity was lighter than normal this spring. However, populations may reach economic levels in certain areas, cautions the specialist. Now is a critical period. Growers—especially in Sussex County—should make routine field checks for signs of ECB whorl feeding.

Check 100 consecutive plants in several areas and count the number of plants with whorl feeding.

Treat with an insecticide if

an average of 35 or more plants in 100 have fresh ECB feeding and corn is shorter than 30 inches.

Graustein recommends using either two pints of Pencap M per acre in 20 to 50 gallons of water or five pounds per acre of Furadan 10G directed into the whorls.

Double rates of these insecticides if they are to be applied broadcast (e.g. by aircraft).

Thimet 15G at 6.5 pounds per acre and Dyfonate 20G at five pounds per acre also labeled for broadcast whorl application to control ECB.

For corn higher than 30 inches, treat when 50 percent

or more of the plants have whorl feeding.

Although armyworm populations are generally light, there may be some instances of them "marching" out of small grain as it matures—and into adjacent corn.

Growers should watch for this activity during the next two weeks. An economical way to prevent armyworm damage on corn is to treat a 25-foot area along the border of the field adjacent to the small grain field as soon as armyworm movement is noticed.

Use Sevin, Toxaphene or Dylox for this purpose.

It's a good idea to check small grains routinely to determine the potential for armyworm damage both to that crop, as well as your corn.

Finally, reports from states to the south of Delaware indicate that cutworm activity may be somewhat higher than normal this year.

The wet weather a few weeks ago, as well as more recent moisture, have been favorable for development of this pest. For this reason, Graustein says growers can expect to see sporadic cutworm activity in their fields.



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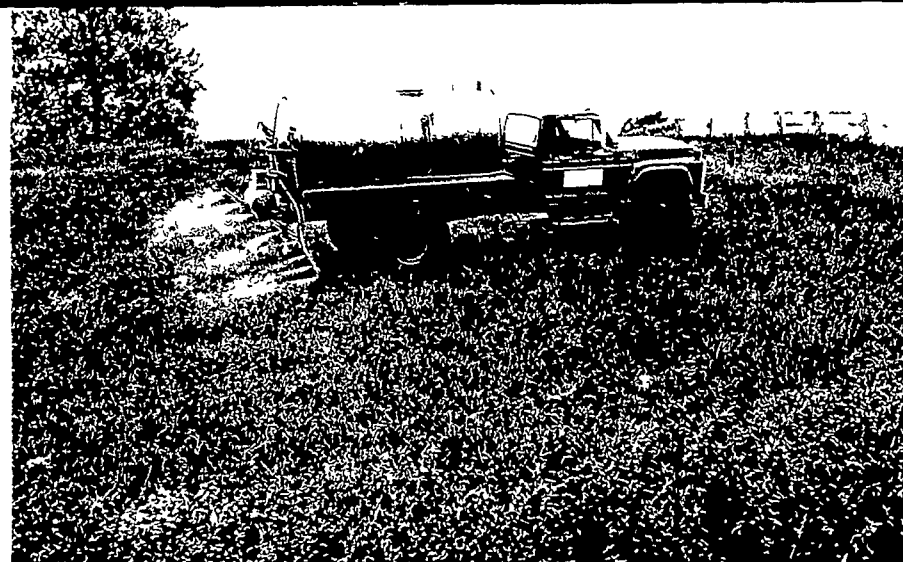
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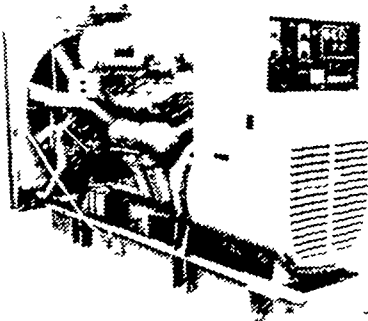
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