



Tobacco plant with clear evidence of blue mold sporulation taken from a seedbed in the Leola-Leacock area was examined by John O. Yocum, left, agronomist and researcher at the Penn State Southeast Field Research Lab, Landisville, and Arnold Lueck, county extension agent.

KILE entry deadline approaching

HARRISBURG — Any livestock people who are interested in showing at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, to be held from October 2-7, should keep in mind the deadline for entries is August 31.

Besides the new date for the show, another new addition to the state's only international livestock event is the feeder pig show and sale on Friday, October 3.

Sheep producers will be happy to learn there will be a national Merino show on Monday, October 6 and a Dorset bred ewe sale on Saturday, October 4.

In the cattle category,

Simmental breeding cattle will be included for the first time in the show schedule. And there will be a Chuanina sale following the steer show on October 4.

A Paint horse sale will follow the breed show on October 4.

These events will fall in line with the show's standard events like the national 4-H Roundup and Horse Bowl, and the crowning of the Lamb and Wool Queen and Suffolk Queen.

The Keystone show will provide a good show schedule for livestock exhibitors. The new date will

fall directly behind the Eastern National at Timonium and the Atlantic Rural, Virginia's major show. From Harrisburg, it will be a direct show circuit to Louisville.

One disappointment for some of the livestock producers and spectators will be the elimination of the breeding swine show due to the pseudorabies outbreak in the state.

But the KILE committee is trying to make up for that loss by putting on a top-notch show, one month earlier this year.

Del-Mar-Penn Goat Club meets Sunday

OXFORD — Del-Mar-Penn Goat Club will meet Sunday, June 22 from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Elaine Staunton, Avondale. Molly Brewer, Dick Stonebach and Danny Weinstock, all veterinarians practicing in Chester County will be on

hand to answer questions from the group.

Guests are invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information and directions to the event, call Joyce Tuffey 215/932-4528.

Blue mold sporulation

(Continued from Page A1) conditions have impeded its development.

Yocum just received word that instances of blue mold sporulation was detected this week on plants taken from seedbeds into fields in neighboring Maryland. There have been no indications of healthy plants contracting it.

In Lancaster County, early symptoms of blue mold were found in seedbeds in the Christiana and Bird-in-Hand areas. But the Leola-Leacock finding was the first clear visible evidence of the sporulation.

From all indications, county growers largely did a

good job of spraying in seedbeds, according to Lueck. Also, approximately 4,000 acres of tobacco ground — about one-third of total county acreage — has been treated with Ridomil, a systemic fungicide which is applied to the soil before transplanting. Introduced just this year, all available supplies of the fungicide were used.

While growers will be keeping an eye on their fields, researchers such as Yocum will be concentrating attention on their research plots.

"There are some indications that there may be a new strain of blue mold that

grows and develops at higher temperatures," Yocum said.

"Here at the Research Lab, we'll be planting eight different varieties of tobacco in research plots. Each of the varieties is susceptible to a different strain of blue mold. Similar plantings will be made in Maryland and the Carolinas.

"If there is a new strain of blue mold these test plots

will help identify it and confirm whether it really does exist."

The existing strain of blue mold prospers at temperatures in the 60's primarily and does not grow when readings move in the 70's.

But this possible new strain may develop and grow in temperatures as high as the 80's and near 90 degrees.

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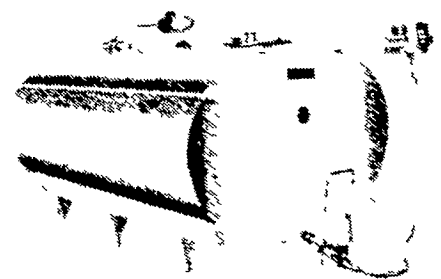
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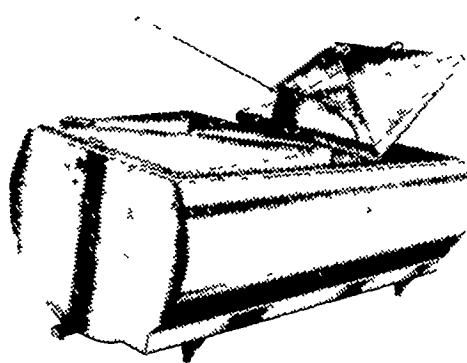


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