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Ralph Dotterer, right, of R2, Mill Hall, was named Cattleman of the Year during the Cattlemen's Banquet. Left to right are Sam Washburn of Fowler, Ind., president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Association; Galen E.

Dreibelbis, State College, toastmaster and cattle breeder; and J. Paul Espy of R1, Tyrone, past president of the Cattlemen's Association. See story Page A-37.

New U.S. corn pest confirmed locally this week

BY CURT HARLER

CHESTERTOWN, Md. - A corn pest so new to the United States that it doesn't have an official name, was positively identified for the first time this week on a Kent County, Md. farm.

Lancaster Farming has learned that Heterodera zeae, being called corn cyst nematode" for convenience, was confirmed by researchers at USDA's Beltsville

Previously, the pest was known only in India, Pakistan, and Egypt, although officials say it could have een present but undetected in the

While officials at USDA say there is little hope for eradication of the pest, they say there is no need for panic. Early guesses show it may become economically significant in American corn fields, although control may not be difficult.

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The pest was identified in a 200 acre Kent County corn field which was sampled as part of the Delmarva Nematode Survey. Kent County is located on Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore, directly South of Lancaster and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania.

A soil assay was done on the farm and an established corn cyst nematode population found.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service plans to meet Thursday, March 12 to discuss the situation.

At that time they will review the biology of the pest, the current situation in Maryland, and make recommendations on how to proceed.

USDA said first steps will be to notify neighboring states, the Canadian and Mexican governments.

Corn cyst nematode first was described in India in 1970. Later it

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The Indians say it causes economic damage on their maize,

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Miller has Expo's Best of Breed doe

BY SHEILA MILLER

HARRISBURG - Ann Miller of Furlong, Bucks County exhibited her grand champion Toggenburg doe in milk to Best In Show during Thursday's Farm Equipment Exposition Spring Classic Goat Show.

GCH Rockspring Pharoh Look At Me, who will be three-years-old on March 27, took grand champion in her breed before going on to top the other five champions of the show. As her name implies, the doe commanded a long look from Judge Dana Holder of Fairfield, Adams County, who praised the champ's mammary system and overall conformation.

This is not the first Best In Show honor for Look At Me, according to Miller. The doe has achieved this distinction three times in the past two years on the show road in Pennsylvania.

Miller, who's been raising goats for the past 30 years and now has 30 head on her 5 acre farmette, explained Look At Me was her first artificially inseminated offspring. She recalled how she serviced her home-bred doe, Rock Spring Turk Laurel, to Sunshine Photopia Pharoh II, a buck she has high hope for in her breeding program.

Look At Me has been recognized as a Six-Star milker and has been given her permanent grand championship, signified by the GCH in front of her name, said

Miller. The outstanding doe has recently completed a 305-day DHI test with a record of 2950 pounds. At Thursday's show, she was 340 days into lactation and will be kıddıng May 25.

Taking the reserve grand championship in the Toggenburg show was ML Farm Coco's Tourmalina, exhibited by Gail LeCompt. The doe in milk was the reserve senior champion. LeCompt also exhibited the Toggenburg reserve junior champion, ML Farm Candy N

Caeser Winny.
The Toggenburg junior champion, Bri-Ra-Bar Angies, was shown by Brian Blouch, R2 Bethel.

In the recorded grade show, Karen Pensack of Lebanon, N.J. exhibited the grand champion, Larch Lane's Black Satin, the senior champion in milk. Gail LeCompt took both the reserve senior championship and the reserve grand championship with Ebarb Bridgets Marvel.

Joanne Dominick, R1 Fogelsville, showed the junior champion in the registered grade show, Lyon-Dale Nanessa. Judge Holder followed with the second place doe in class for reserve junior champion. The purple ribbon went to Gail LeCompt's ML Farm Echo-Bo Palma.

Thomas Hope and James Farlee, Hopewell, N.J., swept the (Turn to Page A35)

DER finds PCBs on Chester farm

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

GLENNMORE - A hushed investigation is being conducted into the discovery of PCB contamination on a Chester County farm owned by Cris Esh.

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources Thursday said five drums of oil PCB material in another contaminated with polychlorinated Nantmeal Township.

According to DER there is a egg produced on the farm.

"substantial possibility" other farmers in this area may have received the contaminated oil and may be unknowingly jeopardizing their livestock and crops.

Concentrations of PCBs in the oil ranged from 2500 parts per million in one of the drums to almost pure

Concentrations biphenyls were discovered on have been detected in the soil and Esh's Wyebrook Farm in West sand in an area about 75 by 120 feet on Esh's property and in a chicken

Dairymen told

to control debt BY DICK ANGLESTEIN LANCASTER - This will be a

year to get better not bigger. This message was conveyed and repeated a number of times on fuesday before a full-house crowd at the Lancaster County Dairy Day program at the Farm and Home Center

Glenn Shirk, Lancaster dairy agent, set the tone for the meeting by explaining that times are changing and things may not be as easy for the dairy operator as before

He was the first to utter the better not bigger theine

It s a time to protect the profit

margin with better production, 'he

And control that debt load. If you borrow, make sure you're doing it to get better production."

He reminded the attending dairymen that to get good producing cows you must care for the heifers

Mistreating à heiter is putting a cap on her production. Shirk said

She may have inherited the potential to be a 17,000-lb producer, but only milk 15,000 lbs because of what we have done to

Also, ne urged protecting the dry (Turn to Page A47)

Investigation began due to earlier rumors of possible PCB contamination from the same oil source, which Esh, officials of DER, and the Ag Department refused to identify pending completion of the investigation by DER

Bruce Beitler, DER's Soild Waste Operations Supervisor, said attorneys in the State Justice Department have ordered all parties to remain silent unitl the investigation is concluded.

On Friday, meat and tissue samples from Esh's livestock were analyzed at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Summerdale Lab for possible contamination Results are not yet available.

Esh said he was unaware that the oil, used to lubricate his equipment, contained PCBs.

"I thought something was wrong, though, because of the smell," he said.

Marilyn Hewitt of DER's Solid

Waste Operations admitted the oil source has been under question before due to PCB contamination.

Other Chester County farmers who received waste oil from local industries are asked to contact Bruce Beitler or Marilyn Hewitt at Solid Waste Operations at 1875 New Hope St, Norristown, 215/631-2413, so their soil can be examined for possible contamination.