

Grange asks protection for U.S. mushrooms

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania State Grange has recently taken action on the problem of canned mushroom imports disrupting the American market.

"It's time to protect American mushroom producers from unfair foreign competition," announced Charles E. Wismer, Jr., state Grange Master.

Approximately 53 percent of canned mushrooms purchased by U.S. consumers last year were imported, according to a study conducted by the International Trade Commission. This figure has been rising steadily for the past decade, and is expected to climb even further in 1981.

In a recent letter to U.S. Congressmen, Wismer asked for legislation setting import quotas at 48 million pounds per year in the aggregate, and the continuation of a tariff on imports plus an ad-valorem tax (in proportion to their invoiced value).

These monies, Wismer said, should be returned in part to the mushroom industry and used for

product promotion and research. Grange policy also favors a check on all imported mushrooms for chemical residues using the same quality standards as for U.S.-grown mushrooms.

Mushrooms are one of the state's largest vegetable cash crops, with a production value of about \$142 million, according to the state Department of Agriculture's Crop Reporting Service.

"We need legislation to protect this valuable industry and to straighten out the mushroom import problem," Wismer said. "This should be introduced now, before all our U.S. production is lost to foreign imports."

The U.S. Government Industry Task Force is conducting a study of the American mushroom industry in an effort to help it adjust to problems created by canned imports.

The first phase of the study, now in progress, is being conducted in the Kennett Square-Temple area of Pennsylvania.

Keystone Classic

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Elizabethtown, captured the championship. Farrowed July 27, 1980, the gilt, Of Illini 11-6, is out of CDF 9 Illini Princess 1-4, sired by AED 8F Tuffy A22-5. The reserve champion was shown by Mahoning Creek Farms, R1, Smicksburg.

Judges for the show were Ronald Trostle, Red Lion, a Spotted Swine breeder, and Ronald Harrison, Littlestown, a commercial hog operator.

The results:

BREDGILTS

Class 1 Feb 3 17 First and champion Yorkshire Calvin H. Lazarus & Sons Whitehall 2 Duroc Sweigard's Durocs R3 Halifax 3 Chester White James T. Parlett Airville 4 Yorkshire Calvin Lazarus 5 Landrace Rocky Acres Farm R2 New Tripoli

Class 2 Feb 28 Mar 14 First and reserve champion Duroc Larry Arnold Lebanon 2 Duroc Sweigard's Durocs R3 Halifax 3 Landrace Tim Blatt Annville 4 Berkshire Russell & Arlie Cornbower R1 New Freedom 5 Yorkshire LeAnn Yorkshires R7 Lebanon

Class 3 March 15 April 10 1 Landrace Jay D Blatt R2 Annville 2 Spotted Swine Leslie & Lazarus Bros R1 Germansville 3 Chester White James T. Parlett Airville 4 Duroc Smith's Hog Farm R6 Washington 5 Duroc Calvin Lazarus

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Class 1 June 2 July 1 1 Spotted Swine Leslie & Lazarus Bros 2 Duroc Smith's Hog Farm 3 Duroc Glenn Ebersole R1 Duncannon 4 Duroc

Mahoning Creek Farms 5 Spotted Swine Bourbon Springs Farm R2 Newville
 Class 2 July 1 July 20 First and reserve champion Yorkshire LeAnn Yorkshire R7 Lebanon 2 Yorkshire Charles B. Hall of Julian 3 Yorkshire Calvin H. Lazarus 4 Landrace Glenair Farm R3 Elizabethtown 5 Duroc Sweigard's Duroc
 Class 3 July 20 Aug 23 First and champion Chester White Ken Wetzel R1 Rossiter 2 Chester White James T. Parlett 3 Duroc, Rodger Bankert R3 Hanover 4 Berkshire Russell & Arlie

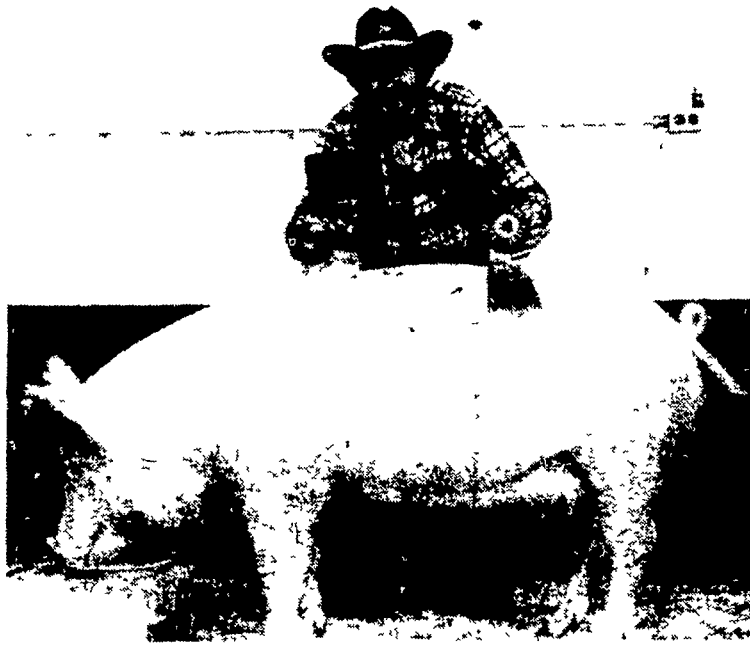
Cornbower 5 Duroc David C. Holloway R1 New Freedom

OPEN GILTS

Class 1 June gilts First and reserve champion Duroc Mahoning Creek Farms R1 Smicksburg 2 Chester White James T. Parlett Airville 3 Duroc Sweigard's Durocs 4 Yorkshire LeAnn Yorkshires 5 Duroc Smith's Hog Farm

Class 2 July gilts First and champion Landrace Larry Baum R3 Elizabethtown 2 Chester White Ken Wetzel 3 Duroc, Mahoning Creek Farms 4 Duroc Rodger Bankert 5 Chester White Ed Hildebrand R2 Biglerville

Class 3 August gilts 1 Yorkshire Craig E Miller R1 Spring Grove 2 Yorkshire Charles B. Hall Julian 3 Chester White James T. Parlett 4 Duroc Larry Arnold 5 Spotted Swine Bourbon Springs Farm



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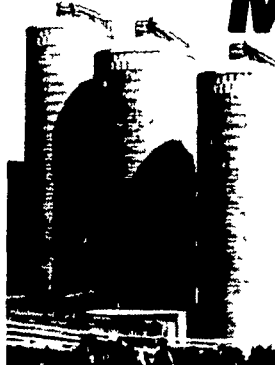
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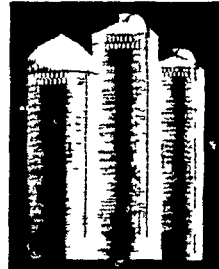
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