

## Entomologist joins U. Of Delaware staff

NEWARK, Dela. — Douglas W. Tallamy, a specialist in entomology and applied ecology, has joined the faculty of the department of entomology and applied ecology at the University of Delaware. He holds the title of assistant professor.

Tallamy is a native of north-central New Jersey. He earned his B.S. degree in biology at Allegheny College. He holds an M.S. in entomology from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. in entomology from the University of Maryland.

His master's thesis was on biting flies. For his doctoral dissertation he studied the maternal behavior of a species of lacebug. He also did a year of post-doctoral study at the University of Iowa, where he continued his observations of lacebug behavior.

At Delaware, Tallamy will be doing research on plant-insect interactions — specifically, the ability of plants to protect themselves from insect feeding by releasing a defensive chemical.

"This defense mechanism can be triggered simply by tearing a leaf," says Tallamy. "Response is rather quick — within 40 minutes of the time the leaf is damaged.



Douglas W. Tallamy

Many plants protect themselves this way."

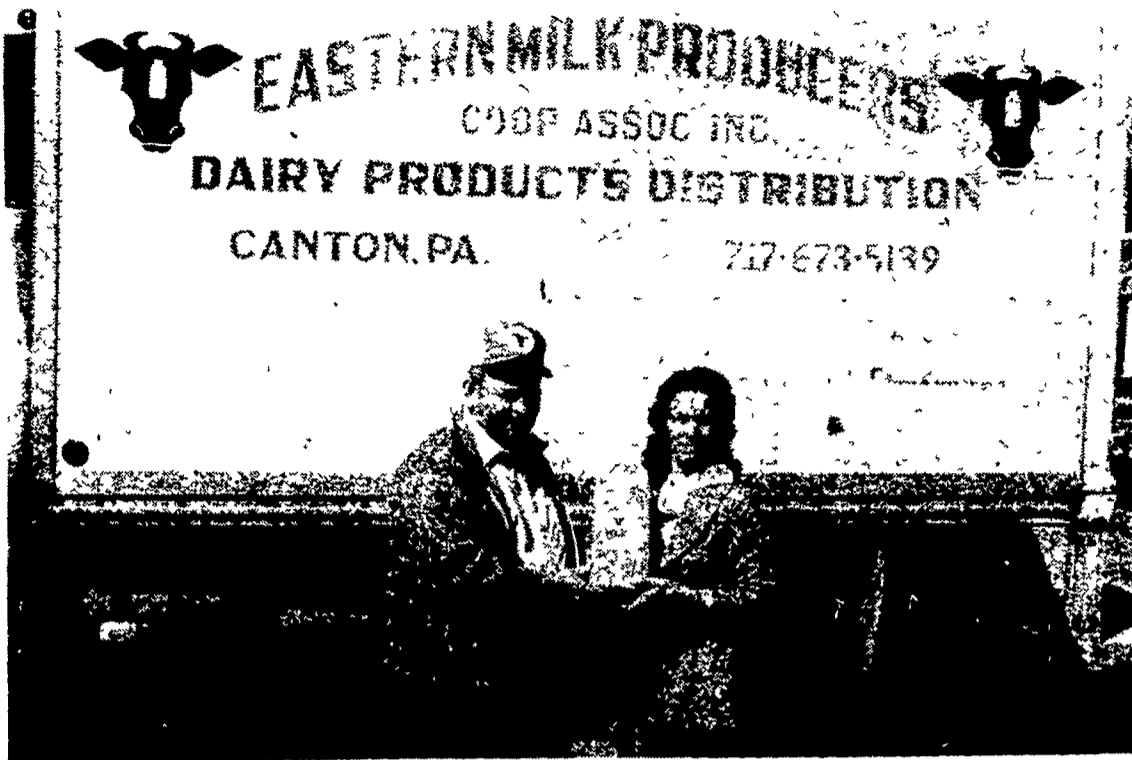
This is a relatively new area of research with important implications.

"If we can get plants to defend themselves more effectively against insect damage, certainly we can save a lot of money on insecticides," he says.

The entomologist is now in the process of writing up grant proposals for specific research in this area.

Tallamy will teach insect taxonomy and also plans to develop a new course on insect behavior that will be introduced next spring.

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Earl Hartford, driver for Eastern Milk Producers presents Joyce Eckhart with ten

pounds of cheese for placing the first order in the state.

## Cheese block goes to Berks Grangers

BY LAUREL SCHAEFFER Staff Correspondent

BERNVILLE — In an effort to sell surplus milk, Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative has launched an advance order sale of dairy products through the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Orders are delivered to area Grange Halls every six weeks.

Paul and Joyce Eckhart, R1 Bethel, received a complimentary ten-pound block of cheese by placing the first order in this sale. Joyce has been a member of the

Turbett Grange of Juniata County since she was fourteen years of age. The Eckharts have moved to Berks County. Joyce, who accepted the gift, is employed at the Leland Convalescence and Rehabilitation Center, West Reading.

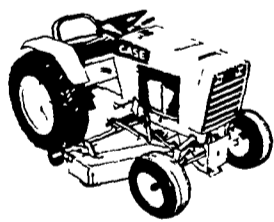
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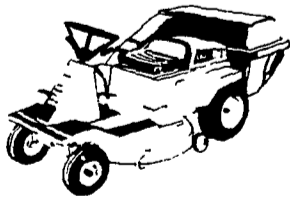


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