

Farm Business News

Bio-Lab names outlet

DECATUR, GA — Melhorn Sales and Service of Mt Joy, will now handle the Bio-Lab line of Poultry and Swine Sanitation Products Melhorn is a sales outlet for DeKalb Ag Research of Sycamore, IL.

The appointment makes available locally, Bio-Lab poultry and swine care products to producers in the Southeastern Pennsylvania and adjoining Maryland markets Melhorn Sales Reps who will service this area



George Jakovich has been named Manager of Pennsylvania Operations for Dairylea Cooperative, Inc. He will be based in Scranton.

include Clay Mumma, David Fahs, and Frank Morton

Melhorn Sales and Service is located at 40 Donegal Springs Road, Mt Joy, PA 17551

Md. gets tobacco grant

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. — The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, N.C., recently presented the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station with an \$18,500 check for tobacco production research by University of Maryland faculty members in the agronomy and agricultural engineering departments. A similar \$5,000 check was presented earlier this year.

Money from both grants will be used to continue development of improved Maryland varieties and the curing of prime Maryland tobacco. Funds will also be used for studies of baled Maryland tobacco, including moisture-level effects

Arnold R. Mitchem, agricultural research coordinator for Reynolds Tobacco, presented the \$18,500 check during an informal ceremony at the University of Maryland's tobacco research farm near Upper Marlboro (Prince Georges county).

State studies crop outlook

HARRISBURG — Based on July 1 conditions, Pennsylvania farmers will produce more corn for grain, winter wheat, oats, barley, tart cherries, and pears this year, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. There will be decreased production of rye, apples, peaches, and sweet cherries.

Pennsylvania's corn for grain crop is estimated at 123.7 million bushels, compared with 96.0 million bushels last year. Yield is forecast at 93.0 bushels per acre compared with 75.0 bushels the previous year. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 1,330,000 acres.

Winter wheat production is estimated at 10.3 million bushels, up 11 percent from a year ago. Acres for harvest as grain is set at 270,000. Oats production is expected to total 19.6 million bushels, up three percent from a year ago with 350,000 acres to be harvested.

Barley production in Pennsylvania is estimated at 4.4 million bushels, up 17 percent from a year ago with 81,000 acres to be har-

vested. The state's rye crop at 352,000 bushels, is down 19 percent with 11,000 acres for harvest for grain. The July 1 pasture condition for the Commonwealth is rated 93 percent, seven points above last year.

Sweet and tart cherry crops are forecast at 400 tons and eight million pounds, respectively. Pear production is estimated at 3,800 tons, up nine percent from a year ago. Apple production is estimated at 450 million pounds, down 21 percent from a year ago. Peach production is estimated at 65 million pounds, down 38 percent from a year ago.

National winter wheat production is forecast at a record high 2.09 billion bushels, up 11 percent from the 1980 crop. Corn production is forecast at 7.12 billion bushels, up seven percent from last year. This will be the third largest crop on record, ex-

ceeded only by the 1978 and 1979 crops.

U.S. oats production is forecast at 528 million bushels, 15 percent above the 1980 production, while barley production is forecast at 478 million bushels, up 33 percent from last year's production. Apple production is forecast at 8.06 billion pounds, nine percent below last year's record high crop and one percent below 1979.

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