Pounce, Ambush gets EPA, PDA approval

permethrin-based spraymists to control adult mushroom flies in Pennsylvania has been approved for another year, according to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

Hallowell said the Agriculture Department has petitioned the Environmental Protection Agency and was granted an exemption last year on behalf of the state's mushroom industry, which had suffered losses due to the sciarid fly or mushroom fly.

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HARRISBURG - The use of the stems and caps of mature mushrooms, making them unsuitable for fresh sales or processing.

'Our mushroom growers have lost up to 75 percent of their crops in previous years due to the fly," Hallowell said. "The initial exemption helped our growers to control the fly and begin to compete on a more even basis with foreign growers who can use prohibited pesticides," he added.

Pennsylvania produces more mushrooms than all other states combined, with sales of over \$152 million annually," Hallowell said. "The mushroom industry and the

Agriculture Department are working together to insure that we can meet the challenge posed by both natural enemies and toreign suppliers and to insure that Pennsylvania agriculture keeps growing better."

The use of Pounce or Ambush on mushrooms has been approved under Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

The specific exemption is for a period of one year through Sept. 15, 1982, pending the possible granting of a full EPA registration for use of these pyrethroid insecticides on mushrooms.

York conservation tour

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vineyard owner can see the first minimal returns coming in on his approximately \$4500 per acre investment, and not before four years of growth will any great production amounts be harvested.

Pruning can begin as early as February and continue through late April or early May. Naylor estimates it takes about a thousand man-hours to prune his present acreage of 6,000 plants.

"Grape production is one of the most labor intensive crops there is," he added, needling dairy producers along on the tour that they at least could take the afternoon off.

Grape harvesting begins in August, with ther first pick-yourown table and wine varieties in demand by hobby winemakers, and jelly and juice home canners. Bulk quantities of juice are

pressed at nearby Blevins Orchards' cider press. Skins are removed from the lqiuid before white wine fermentation begins, but colored wines need the hue and tannin that leaches from the crushed skins.

Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks, with the wine then siphoned, or "racked off", for either bottling, or further aging. White wines can be bottled as early as two months of age, while reds need additional time to mature.

The Navior Wine Cellars, Inc., is part of the Pennsylvania Wine Association, and their estate bottled vintage wines have already won several medals in area wine judging.

Visitors are welcomed to the Stewartstown winery, and personal tours and wine-tasting parties can be arranged for groups.

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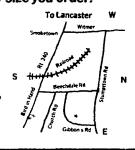
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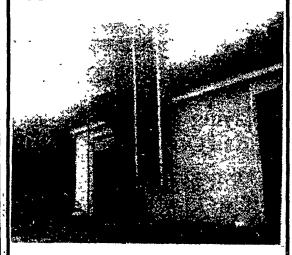


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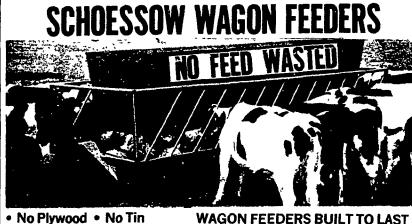
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