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## Pa. blue mold alert is issued

LANCASTER — A Blue Mold alert has been issued for Pennsylvania.

The disease — dreaded by Lancaster County tobacco growers — is reported as far north as Charlottesville, Va.

"Blue mold really moved during the past week or so," reports John Yocum, of the Penn State Southeast Research Farm.

"It has moved out of Florida, up through the Carolinas and is now in the southern part of Virginia. It's in both beds and fields — wherever growers haven't treated for it."

The cool, wet weather this spring is ideal for it and local growers should be watching for it and taking appropriate action to guard against it, Yocum said.

The tobacco researcher makes the following recommendations:

—Any grower who hasn't treated his beds had better do so.

—If any grower is ready to set plants, the pre-plant field application of Ridomil should be made.

—And, if any growers are nearing the 70-day treatment limit in their seedbeds and will be still pulling plants at that deadline, another treatment is due in the beds. For this treatment, use one teaspoon of Ridomil to 10 level tablespoons of Ferbam per six-foot by 100-foot bed.

Yocum also said that he has become concerned about reports of plants being shipped in from the Carolinas for transplant in the local area.

Some growers may be using such plants to attempt to push the

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Elizabethtown FFA chapter members erect new livestock building at fairgrounds. Details on continuing fair expansion are featured in Section A.

## 18 get Farm, Home Center scholarships

BY SALLY BAIR

Staff Correspondent

LANCASTER — Eighteen county high school seniors were awarded scholarships worth \$750 each toward their freshman year in college by the Farm and Home Foundation this week. Five were awarded to students majoring in agriculture, three to students majoring in home economics and ten to students studying nursing.

The scholarships are made available through a fund established by the late Elmer Espenshade and is supplemented by funds from the Farm and Home Board. They are awarded on the basis of financial need, scholastic achievement and leadership ability. Forty seniors applied for this year's scholarships.

Receiving agriculture scholarships are:

Elizabeth Chapman, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, Manheim R5, a senior

at Manheim Central High School. A six-year member of the Elm-Penryn 4-H Club, Elizabeth is currently serving as treasurer of that club and as co-president of 4-H County Council. She will major in forest science at Penn State University, hoping eventually to find employment with the National Forest Service.

Timothy Hostetter, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hostetter, Manheim R1, is a senior at Hempfield High School. Timothy is vice-president of the marching band, president of the orchestra and had served as vice-president and treasurer of his 4-H club. He will study animal husbandry at Penn State University.

Dorothy Meyer, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer, Willow Street and is a senior at Penn Manor High School. Dorothy has served as secretary of her FFA Chapter for two years, received the Keystone Farmer Degree is serving on the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Board of Directors. She will study agri-business at Penn State University with the hope of working for a cooperative upon graduation.

Marci Jo Mongeau, 18, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mongeau, Columbia, is a senior at Columbia High School. She is treasurer of the Future Homemakers of America, served as secretary and treasurer of her class, is editor of the yearbook and served on student council. She will study forestry at Penn State University, with a goal of working in wildlife management.

Dwight Rohrer, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rohrer, Manheim R7, and is a senior at Hempfield High School. Daniel is treasurer of his church youth group and will study agri-production at Hesston College in Kansas, hoping to go into farming.

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## Chamber plans tour of farms

LANCASTER — A busload of members of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry, including the Board of Directors, will tour four county farming operations on Tuesday.

The tour begins at 7 a.m. with a poultry breakfast at the Farm and Home Center.

County Extension Director Jay Irwin will narrate the tour that will visit the ag operations of John Nissley, beef, Salunga; Sam Connelley, diversified, Landisville; Glenn Snyder, poultry, Elm; and Mark Nestleroth and John Chapman, swine, Penryn.

Each of the operators will explain their respective ag businesses to the group.

The tour concludes with a pork luncheon at the Penryn Fire Hall.

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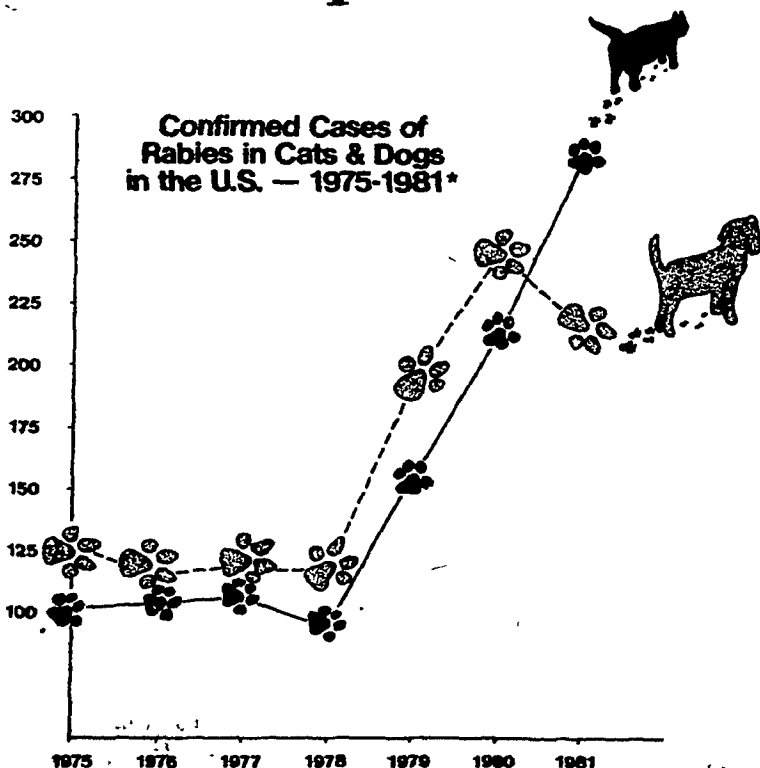


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Dairy Promotion Council

## Rabies spread continues in Pa.



HARRISBURG — Farm livestock continue to fall prey to rabies as the spread of the disease continues on the upswing in Pennsylvania.

Thus far this year, there have been 39 reported cases of rabies in Pennsylvania, including a horse and a cow, both in the Bedford County area.

The Bedford-Fulton-Franklin counties area has been the hotbed of rabies this year with 24 cases in the three counties — nearly two-thirds of those reported statewide.

The three counties proximity to Maryland obviously is accountable for the numerous cases in Bedford, Fulton and Franklin.

But the rabies numbers thus far in those three counties and throughout the Commonwealth are nowhere near the figures in Maryland and Virginia, where approximately 400 cases each have been reported to date in 1983.

Bulk of the cases are reported in raccoons, which — in turn — can pass

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## FFA's favor farm fences

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LAMPETER — The hum and buzz of voices suddenly stilled as the judge entered the courtroom.

The soft swish of his crisp, long black robe was the only discernible sound.

Quickly and resolutely, he strode to the bench and in deep,

authoritative tones started to deliver his decision.

The courtroom audience, largely attired in country garb, hung on each word.

The judge had a brief opening statement as a preamble to the decision:

"It's a privilege to preside over the first trial in history for alleged crimes against farm fences of the world.

"And it's a grave responsibility. "In this courtroom are the sons and daughters of some of the best farmers in the world.

"They have some of the sharpest minds that this community has provided in its history of some 200 years."

The audience lessened its nervous fidgeting.

Although the judge didn't have

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