

Too much fertilizer

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manure is used, it was found that no additional N is usually needed. Infrequent manuring might require about 30 pounds of N and no manure up to 90 lbs. N.

Barley requirements are even lower.

In various management practices to increase cereal grain yields patterned after European practices, the greatest single response has been found from planting in narrower rows of less than seven inches.

Also, it has been found that Bayleton is only economical when top leaves show evidence of mildew during the middle stages of plant development.

In a brief discussion of Federal Crop Insurance for 1984, it was pointed out that forage will be

added as a new crop to be covered this year. Alfalfa and alfalfa-grass mixture will be covered and can be insured against all natural disasters, including being rained on while in the windrow.

Also, it is planned to begin to base coverage for crops on the individual yield history of a particular farm rather than on county yield averages.

John Yocum of the Southeast Research Farm at Landisville spoke on the perennial broadleaf weeds that are increasing on area farms.

Much of the problem is due to efforts to control them with herbicides in spring or early summer instead of at the bloom stage in the fall when they are most susceptible. And also, the rates of use of herbicides in the spring are not high enough to do the job because

of the fear of killing crops.

"Spraying in the spring only kills the top of the weeds and suppresses them, but they soon build back up," Yocum explained.

He suggested controlling the weeds by planting small grains and then using the heavier rates of herbicides after the grain is off. Or controlling after cutting an early corn hybrid for silage.

But he suggested the best method is to spot spray as clumps of weeds show up and avoid the later higher cost of a full spraying program.

Awards were given to the Lancaster County participants in the Five-Acre Corn Club and Alfalfa Growers Program by County Agent Arnold Lueck.

Corn growers:
Harold L. Brubaker, Strasburg, 164 bushels with DeKalb-Pfizer XL71. He also received an award

for a three-year average of 174 bushels.

Brubaker Brothers, Mount Joy, 144 bushels, with Pioneer 3184.

Karl M. Hess, New Danville, 129 bu. with DeKalb-Pfizer XL61.

Dennis Eby, R1 Gap, 120 bu. with Pioneer 3358.

R. Edwin Harnish, Nine Points, 117 bu. with Migro HP470.

H. Grant Troop, R3 Quarryville, 111 bu. with DeKalb-Pfizer XL71.

Alfalfa Growers:

Don Hershey, Manheim, 8.3 tons of hay equivalent with a Pioneer variety seeded no-till in soybean stubble in the spring of 1982.

Nelson Wenger, Manheim, had 7.9 tons per acre with a Hoffman variety that was seeded with conventional tillage in the spring of 1981.

Christian Smucker of Intercourse had 7.6 tons with a Conestoga variety.

Milk minimums suspended

In compliance with the Decision of the Commonwealth Court dated February 13, 1984, all minimum prices on two percent, one percent, other lowfat and all skim products, are suspended immediately, on sales within the marketing area defined as Area 1, both Zones.

All other provisions of the Milk Marketing Law and Regulations of the Board appended thereto, as

well as the Milk Producers' Security Funds Act, shall remain in force.

The remaining provisions of Official General Orders A-821, A-829 and A-832, shall remain in effect for Area 1; all other General Orders of the Board for other areas of the state shall remain in effect unchanged.



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