

Dauphin outlines Gypsy Moth plan for '85

HARRISBURG — A recent interview with Duayne Forsberg, Resource Specialist with the Dauphin County Conservation District, outlined the procedure landowners should follow in Dauphin County to request "possible" gypsy moth spraying of their properties for 1985.

A complex cooperative spraying program involving three levels of government was explained by Forsberg. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Forestry, administers and sets forth the spraying program. The majority of spraying funds are provided by the Commonwealth.

Locally, the Dauphin County Commissioners through the Dauphin County Conservation District, will coordinate the field work with municipal assistance. Municipal and county government also provide funds for spraying.

When Forsberg was asked how a landowner should request spraying for 1985, he stated, "it would depend on where the property was located in the county." According to the Dauphin County policy, landowners south of Peters Mountain should direct their request for spraying to their township or borough office. Forsberg said, "The Dauphin County Conservation District will not record requests received from landowners in the southern half of the county."

However, he did state that the Conservation District will record spraying requests from landowners north of Peters Mountain, including Rush Township. "Municipalities in upper Dauphin County are simply without full time office staff that landowners can call. Our office will provide this service for upper Dauphin citizens." The Dauphin County Conservation District can be called at 652-7048 weekdays between 8:15 and 4:30 P.M.

Requests for spraying should be placed while the gypsy moth caterpillars are actively feeding from May to July. The county has set a deadline of July 9, 1984 for spraying requests to be recorded

for the 1985 spraying program.

Forsberg said that July 9th to October 1st will conduct field investigations of requested areas to determine if they are eligible for spraying. He stressed that, "submitting a request is not a guarantee for spraying." D.E.R. and Dauphin County have developed a set of guidelines that must be met before any area is sprayed.

The major "requirements" were highlighted by Forsberg. "Only forested residential or special use areas can be sprayed. Undeveloped and uninhabited forest lands will not be sprayed by D.E.R. An area must be 25 acres or larger in size, contain 250 healthy egg masses per acre, have a crown

cover of at least 50% and contain tree species that are susceptible to gypsy moth damage."

He also emphasized that, "spraying in 1985 will only occur in municipalities where either the township supervisors or borough council members have agreed to provide municipal funds for spraying." Municipal officials must notify the Conservation District by the beginning of August with their funding decision.

"Once field investigations are completed and if the requested areas qualify, I'll submit the county's proposed treatment areas to D.E.R. before October 1st. We should know by mid January 1985 which treatment areas D.E.R. has accepted or rejected."

Phillips gets Extension post

UNIVERSITY PARK — Richard E. Phillips has assumed the position of Assistant Director for Extension and State Program Leader for Agriculture at Penn State. He began his duties June 1.

Phillips was formerly professor of agricultural engineering and Extensions specialist for farm structures at the University of Missouri. He replaces Fredrick Hughes, who will retire effective June 30.

As Agriculture Program Leader, Phillips will be responsible for directing educational programs in agronomy, agricultural education, agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, entomology, plant pathology, dairy and animal sciences, and food science.

In 1982, Phillips received a one-year contract from the United States Department of Agriculture to provide extension program support for the Northern Agricultural Energy Center at Peoria, IL. He was responsible for transferring alternative energy technology to state program



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leaders in agricultural energy. "The position gave me an excellent opportunity to gain greater knowledge of extension programs in several states," says Phillips. "I also acquired a better understanding of the federal ex-

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HARRISBURG — A revised Agriculture Department publication, "A Consumer's Guide to Direct Marketing," is now available from Rep. Ken Brandt's

tension effort."

Missouri went to the University of Missouri in 1971. Before that, he was state extension specialist in Farm Structures at the University of Connecticut.

A native of Oswego, N.Y., Phillips earned a bachelor's and master's degrees from Cornell University. He received a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1970. His area of specialization was Agricultural Engineering. Systems Science and business management.

Phillips belongs to the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, and is a member of Gamma Sigma Delta, Sigma Xi, and Alpha Epsilon. He is also a member of the honorary Extension fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phi.

office. The guide lists roadside farm markets, open air markets, pick-your-own farms, as well as outlets for organically grown foods, maple products, Christmas trees, mushrooms, wine and dairy products.

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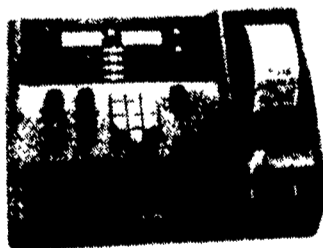
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