

Larvadex intervention asked by Del.

DOVER, Del. — The Delaware Department of Agriculture has asked the United States Department of Agriculture and the state's congressional delegation to intervene in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent decision to postpone the registration of Larvadex, a feed-through insecticide used for control of flies in poultry houses.

Robert C. Berry, Director of Production and Promotion, Delaware Department of Agriculture, says the EPA's timing is unfortunate because farmers in New Castle County and in avian influenza affected areas of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia had been using Larvadex to help stop the spread of the disease.

"Ever since the USDA determined flies were potential carriers of avian influenza, farmers in New Castle County were able to use Larvadex under a special exemption pending its final approval by the EPA. Now, not only has our exemption been lifted, it looks as though the larvicides registration has been seriously delayed," said Berry.

"We've been told the next 10 weeks are critical in controlling avian flu. If we can keep the

disease from rearing its ugly head that long, we should have it pretty well licked. Unfortunately, we've just lost a valuable tool in our fight just when fly populations are at their worst."

The EPA withdrew the exemption from the 4 states after "a rereview of a teratology study conducted on rabbits showed evidence of fetotoxic effects (adverse effects to fetuses) at the lowest dose tested," according to a telegram sent to the Delaware Department of Agriculture.

As a result, the EPA asked Ciba-Geigy, the makers of Larvadex to conduct new rabbit fetal toxicity tests.

Ciba-Geigy countered the study will be a repeat of the study reviewed and accepted by the agency almost two years ago.

Donald J. Lynch, Delaware Agriculture Secretary has sent a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block, asking him to consider the implications of the special exemption withdrawal. Similar letters have also been sent to Delaware's Congressional delegation asking for support in getting the EPA to reconsider its move.

Berry says poultry producers had been expecting the EPA to

fully register Larvadex for use in laying houses in the near future and the withdrawal was unexpected.

He also says an effective substitute is not available.

Guernsey field day Aug. 2

QUARRYVILLE — All are invited to attend the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders' Field Day to be held Thursday, Aug. 2, at the J. Richard Brenneman Farm, Quarryville.

Starting off the day's activities will be a Guernsey dairy show, beginning at 10:30 a.m. At noon, lunch, which consists of a pig roast, will be served. Cost will be \$4.25 per person and \$2.75 for children under 10 years of age.

Guest speaker for the Field Day will be Jim Fraher, an Inter-State

Milk Cooperative economist. Fraher will speak on component pricing.

Concluding the day's events will be an awards presentation and a calf drawing for the 4-H and FFA members.

Directions to the Brenneman Farm are as follows: Travel south on Route 222 from Quarryville. Come to a "Y" in the road and bear left onto Cedar Hill Road. Turn left at the second crossroads onto Noble Road. Turn left onto Spring Hill Road. The Brenneman's Farm is the first farm on the left.

NEDCO projects sound fiscal picture

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A sound financial picture greeted delegates of the Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation (NEDCO) at a meeting of the House of Delegates on June 27 at the Hotel Syracuse.

"We presented our delegates with a better than balanced budget," said NEDCO President Edward McNamara. "It took a lot of hours and days by our Budget Committee to accomplish this, but it was accomplished."

The co-op executive explained that large cuts in budget will come from NEDCO's three manufac-

turing plants, plus operations within NEDCO's Service Division.

McNamara said that losses resulting from having to process excess milk into low-profit dairy products such as butter and milk powder at NEDCO's two manufacturing plants and a price war by fluid dealers, which affects the profitability of NEDCO's Fluid Milk Division, temporarily interrupted an otherwise strengthening financial picture.

"We had to make some critical decisions," McNamara said. "We are certain the effect of these

decisions will produce a stronger NEDCO to serve its members more efficiently in the future."

NEDCO executives also reported to delegates the co-ops' highest equity position ever. "NEDCO has come from a minus equity of \$128,000 in 1975 to nearly \$7 million this year," McNamara said.

McNamara had only praise for his budget committee, management and staff for their dedicated effort to present NEDCO delegates and members a break-even budget.

"It was the decision of the delegate body to strengthen NEDCO operations and equity," he said. "I believe our people responded to this challenge in a professional fashion, presenting NEDCO with a strong and positive financial future for its 3,000 local cooperative members," McNamara said.

Indian fund raisers scheduled

HARRISBURG — Two fund raisers slated for New Cumberland in August will benefit Indian education, according to Viola White Water Foundation spokesman, Jimmy Little Turtle.

First on the agenda is the Viola White Water Memorial Benefit Auction to begin at 11 a.m. at the New Cumberland Borough Park on August 4.

One week later, on August 11, the Viola White Water Memorial five-mile run will begin in New Cumberland at 8:30 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in 18 men's and women's categories.

About 600 entrants are expected for the race, which, last year attracted 291 runners.

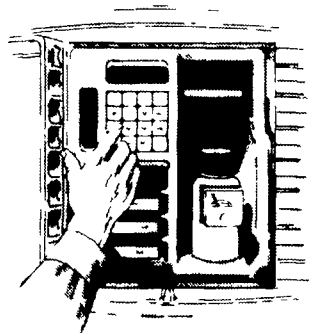
Also included among the awards

Potato tour on Aug. 3

YORK — The Annual York County Potato Tour will be held on Friday, Aug. 3 at 9 a.m. The agenda will include:

9 a.m. - Field on the Ray Bacon Farm (farmed by Henry Tyson); 10:30 a.m. - Ernest Grove Farm

(farmed by Kermit Miller) 1 mile beyond the Lebanon Church near Felton; 11:30 a.m. - Roy Jackson Farm (Extension variety plots located here); 1:00 p.m. - Lunch at Hershall Park near Crossroads. Cost is \$2.00.



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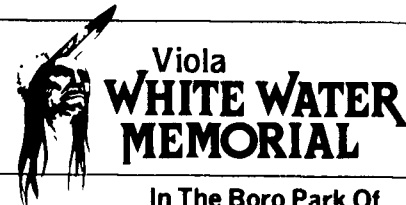
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