Delaware to participate in USDA plant pest survey

NEWARK, DE - Scientists at the University of Delaware will again participate in a national plant pest survey during the 1985 growing season. The survey is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Approximately 30 corn, soybean, small grain and alfalfa field sites around the state will be involved.

The joint plant pathology/entomolgy/weed science project will

be supervised by a new technician to be hired in May, under whose direction field scouts will survey crops for insect, weed and disease pests. Their findings will be reported weekly on the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service crop pest hotline.

The information will also be transmitted to a computer at Fort Collins, Colo., as part of the National Plant Pest Survey and Detection Program. Scientists in Delaware and other participating

states will be able to access summary reports of survey findings.

According to extension pest management specialist Joanne Whalen, the survey is intended to detect new crop pests as well as to determine when and where common major pests are active so that they can be more effectively controlled.

By computerizing this information, local entomologists and plant pathologists in Delaware and elsewhere can predict insect and disease outbreaks based on pest activity farther south. At the same time, local findings can warn of potential outbreaks which could affect farmers in states farther

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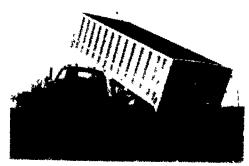
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