

ADA Holds Local Elections

WILLIAMSPORT — Daniel Baker has been re-elected director for District 16 of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council. The elections were held as part of the district's annual meeting held last week in Alba.

As district director, Baker will serve on the board of directors of the ADADC, voting on behalf of local dairy farmers. He will represent producers from the counties of Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan and McKean. ADADC currently operates with

a 38-member board of directors, composed entirely of dairy farmers, representing regional districts and farm organizations from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. They make policy decisions for the allocation of \$11.7 million in local dairy promotion funds. This money is generated through a ten cents per hundredweight assessment on milk produced by dairy farmers.

At the meeting, elections were also held for local committeemen.

Committee representatives for the coming year are: Willys Hamilton, Millerton; Robert Fowler, Galeton; Donald Hillis,

Wyalusing; Elwyn Roberts, Canton; Frank Herman, Canton; and Vernard Watkins, Little Marsh.

Reduced Tillage Weed Control

As farmers plan fall field work and continue to examine ways to cut costs, more are shifting to reduced tillage. Herb Brown, Regional Agronomist for Dekalb-Pfizer Genetics says weed control is not a problem in making a tillage change.

"In reduced tillage

situations, a farmer may experience more perennial weeds, but he doesn't necessarily experience more annual grasses and broadleaf weeds," Brown observes. "He may need to adjust rates and techniques to control the annuals in the heavier residue. And, for-

tunately, the technology is available to do so."

Problem weeds in conventional tillage usually consist of annual grasses and annual broadleaf weeds with an occasional sprinkling of perennial weeds, the agronomist adds.

Brown states that chemical and

mechanical weed control methods are basically the same for conventional and reduced tillage. "The only exception is that repeated cultivation or tillage is not an option with reduced tillage."

For example, the agronomist cites, hemp dogbane is present in both types of tillage. The best method of control is a fall application of translocated herbicide that will kill the overwintering underground tubers. Fall application takes advantage of the overwintering method of this weed which is to pump carbohydrates into the tubers so they are strong enough to survive winter conditions.

Johnsongrass, Jerusalem artichoke, Canada thistle, quackgrass, yellow nutsedge, and milkweed have similar overwintering systems according to Brown.

"Obviously, there is still a need to control new seedlings each year and this is usually accomplished by pre-plant or post-emerge chemical methods," the Dekalb-Pfizer specialist advises.

The agronomist advises farmers to understand the weeds present in order to control them. "Know which weeds are present and their impact on yield. Study their reproductive and overwintering methods as well as how deep seeds can germinate. And finally know when weeds are most vulnerable to chemical or mechanical control."

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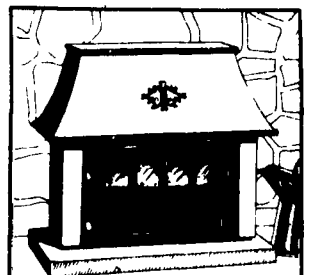
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