

District Announces Scholarship Winners

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — The Berks County Conservation District is pleased to announce scholarship award winners for 1993.

The annual banquet will be March 29 at the Kutztown Grange Hall. At that time, the winners will be announced and introduced.

The conservation district will award two individuals with \$1,000 toward their first year of college. This is the sixth year that these scholarships have been awarded to outstanding youth in Berks County.

Victoria Lee Kline will be graduated from Exeter High School this year and plans to continue her education with a major wildlife biology at the University of Idaho.

Victoria is the daughter of James P. and Lois M. Kline of Nicol Drive, Reading.

This young student athlete has excelled in the classroom, in cross-country, the National Honor Society, the Environmental Club, and Girl Scout activities. She has received honors at the local, regional, and state levels in all of these activities.

Her involvement in the environ-



Victoria Lee Kline

mental discovery program led to work as a teaching aid at Nolde Forest and a state conservation award. She was on the Exeter High School team at Berks County Envirothon two years.

The essay she wrote in her application shows how much she appreciates the environment and how important it is for us to appre-



Michael A. Snyder

ciate and conserve what we have for our future enjoyment and survival.

Michael A. Snyder will be graduated from Tulpehocken High School this year and plans to continue his education at the University Park Campus of the Pennsylvania State University School of Agriculture with a major in environ-

mental resource management.

He is the son of Robert A. and Nancy A. Snyder of Camp Swatara Road, Myerstown.

Michael has been on the student council four years. He has won honors for his efforts on some of the council projects. Michael was

on both the soccer and tennis teams. He was given scholar awards in 1991 and 1992.

His essay shows he realizes what the balance of nature means and that he is willing to do his part to educate others in reversing some wasteful trends.

Egg Campaign Kicks Off

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Northeast egg producers announced the kickoff of the Northeast egg promotion campaign.

"The mission of the campaign is to take advantage of some of the largest media markets in the country and communicate pro-egg messages to consumers," said Paul Sauder (R.W. Sauder, Inc.), one of the cochairmen of the campaign. The first year of the program will focus on media relations in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington.

"A regional promotion campaign will amplify, not replace, the promotion efforts being conducted by American Egg Board and some of the state organizations in the northeast region," said Paul Hann (Purina Mills, Inc.), the

other co-chairman. "At the same time, it will give states that don't have established promotion programs a way to participate in increasing the consumption of eggs."

Sauder said, "In launching a joint promotion campaign, Northeast egg producers will be able to target their customers with the specific messages that are important to them. They will also increase the value of their investment in the checkoff by increasing the power of their impact on consumers."

Organizing the campaign was a grassroots effort by Egg Association of America, Maryland Egg Council, New England Poultry Association, Pennsylvania Poultry Association, and individual egg producers.

New Pest Regs April 15

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — New U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Worker Protection Standards for agricultural workers exposed to pesticides will be implemented starting April 15.

"These new standards are meant to reduce workers' risk of illness or injury from pesticide exposure," said Kerry Hoffman, pesticide education coordinator with Penn State's Pesticide Education Program. "The new rules cover workers who handle, mix, load, and apply pesticides as well as workers in pesticide-treated fields, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses."

The new regulations expand requirements for warnings about pesticide applications, using personal protective equipment, restricting entry into recently treated areas, decontaminating treated areas, coping with emergencies, maintaining contact with handlers of highly toxic pesticides, and giving workers pesticide safety training.

The rules also require substantial revision of nearly 10,000 agricultural pesticide labels.

"Labels now must include information about toxicity, appropriate personal protective equipment and how much time must pass before it's safe to enter a recently treated area," said Hoffman.

The EPA is implementing the Worker Protection Standards in two phases. "Pesticides with the new label statements will be sold starting April 15, 1993," Hoffman said. "When farm workers use products with a new label, they must follow that label's directions."

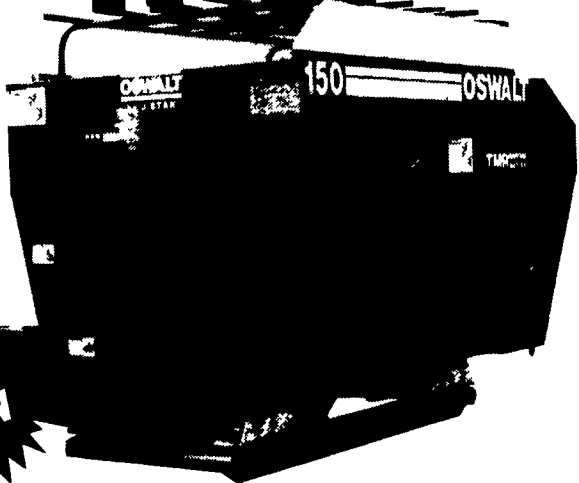
The rest of the requirements become enforceable starting April 15, 1994. Beginning then, employers must provide workers with decontamination facilities, pesticide safety training and information, notification of applications and information about pesticides used, clean and safe personal protective equipment, and emergency assistance if required.

EPA developed these rules with non-English speaking workers in mind. "Employers must give warnings, information and training in a manner workers understand," Hoffman said. "If workers speak only Spanish, the training must be conducted in that language. This ensures that workers aren't just told about the risks but that they understand them."

The rules will be enforced by the states through cooperative enforcement agreements with EPA.

Several pesticide uses are exempt from the regulations, including government-sponsored pest control, research on unregistered pesticides, post-harvest and livestock uses and use on or near pasture and rangeland, rights-of-way and structures, and on vertebrate pests. Use of attractants/repellants in traps and use near homes, gardens, and lawns also are exempt from the regulations.

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