

## Dealer Meets With Lawmakers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Marty Campfield of Gro-Mor Plant Food Co. in Leola, Pa. recently met with federal lawmakers here during a national meeting of fertilizer and agricultural chemical retail dealers.

Campfield was among 300 dealers who attended the Agri-Dealer Legislative Conference.

Delegates to the conference met with dealers from 40 other states and visited with their legislators concerning issues important to the fertilizer and agricultural chemical industry.

The theme for this year's conference was "Growing Impact," and among the issues the dealers discussed with their legislators

were food safety, reauthorization of the Clean Water Act, and federal taxation of fertilizer production and use. In addition to the BTU tax being considered in Congress, retail fertilizer and ag chemical dealers are also deeply concerned with fertilizer use taxes being proposed by Congressman Gerry Studds (D-MA). If enacted, this tax would transfer money from rural to urban areas for construction of city sewer and water treatment plants.

Agricultural Retailers Association President Paul Kindinger said, "Retailers who have taken time away from their businesses to attend this year's conference have made agriculture's voice heard in the nation's capitol."

"Record attendance at this year's conference shows just how concerned dealers are.

## Green Tobacco Sickness

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Workers engaged in the harvest of tobacco may be risking the development of green tobacco sickness (GTS), according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

A 1992 study of a five-county area in Kentucky found that 47 tobacco workers sought emergency medical attention because of GTS.

The illness is caused by the absorption of nicotine from the surface of wet tobacco through the skin. Workers whose clothing becomes saturated from wet tobacco because of rain or dew are at a high risk for the development of the illness, according to the study.

Jackie Scott, a tobacco farmer from Kentucky who was hospitalized by the sickness, said that "nothing has ever made me sicker than working in wet tobacco. It can make you feel like you're going to die."

Symptoms of GTS include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and severe weakness. It is often accompanied by fluctuations in blood pressure, headaches, and difficulty breathing.

After observing workers harvest tobacco, NIOSH industrial hygienists made the following recommendations to be followed by persons engaged in the harvest of tobacco:

- Avoid harvesting or working in wet tobacco.
- Protective clothing may reduce the risk. Wear chemical resistant gloves, plastic aprons, or rain suits to reduce the risk. However, this clothing may add to the risk of heat stress in hot weather.
- Workers who become ill while working with tobacco and who require medical attention should inform the doctors of the nicotine exposure to aid in the diagnosis.

## Lancaster County Fair Season

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Manheim also has the county's only shepherds lead line contest, where sheep owners show off their animals and themselves as they model tailored wool outfits in the show ring.

The Baron Stiegel one-mile foot race and the annual parade are also unique attractions in Manheim.

The farm show will be held on the grounds and fields next to Manheim Central High School on Adele Avenue. The deadline for entries is 10 a.m. Monday.

**Monday, Oct. 4:** 3:30 p.m., swine show; 6:30 p.m., baby parade (rain date is Tuesday); 7 p.m., crowning of farm show queen; 7:30 p.m. Western Relay Outhouse races; 8:30 p.m., shepherds lead line contest.

**Tuesday, Oct. 5:** 1 p.m., poultry judging; 6 p.m., beef judging; 6:30 p.m., baked goods sale; 7:30 p.m., children and adult pedal tractor pull.

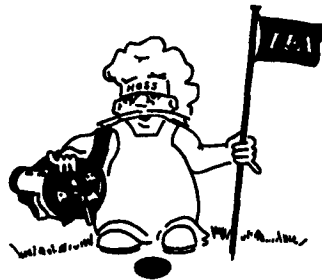
**Wednesday, Oct. 6:** 9:30 a.m., county FFA greenhand livestock judging and tractor driving contest; 3 p.m., goat show; 6:35 p.m., Baron Stiegel mile run; 7 p.m., parade (rain date is Thursday); 8:30 p.m., introduction of

farm show queens, 1954 to 1993; 9:15, antique tractor parade.

**Thursday, Oct. 7:** 11 a.m., dairy show; 4 p.m., sheep show; 7 p.m., farmer's fun night.

**Friday, Oct. 8:** 10 a.m., FFA tractor driving contest; 6 p.m., Professor Fun Foolery show; 6:30 p.m., hog and goat sale; 8 p.m., lamb sale; 8:30 p.m., beef sale.

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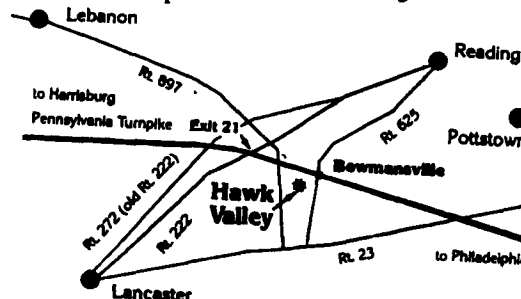
### TOURNAMENT FEATURES

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- Limited to the first 144 entries
- Lunch and dinner
- Refreshment carts on course
- Souvenir team photos with the Philadelphia Eagles cheerleaders
- Contests:
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  - Longest drive
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