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R. Champion Lightweight- Kendall Rieff.
 Class #1 Individual Market Lamb (Mediumweight)- 1. Jerry Bollinger, 2. Jason Stoitzus, 3. Jason Stoitzus.
 Class #2 Individual Market Lamb (Mediumweight)- 1. Kyle Harnish, 2. Mark Tracy, 3. Tracy Bollinger.
 Class #3 Individual Market Lamb (Mediumweight)- 1. Wendall M. Lands, 2. Tracy Bollinger, 3. Radell Peters.
 Champion Mediumweight- Wendall Lands.
 Reserve Champion Mediumweight- Jerry Bollinger.
 Class #1 Individual Market Lamb (Heavyweight)- 1. Ryan Donough, 2. Ryan Tracy, 3. Ryan Donough.
 Class #2 Individual Market Lamb (Heavyweight)- 1. Brandon Ziegler, 2. Amy Bollinger, 3. Derick Bollinger.
 Class #3 Individual Market Lamb (Heavyweight)- 1. Jason Stoitzus, 2. Derick Bollinger, 3. Jessica Stoitzus.
 Champion Heavyweight- Ryan Donough.
 Reserve Champion Heavyweight- Ryan Tracy.
 Champion Market Lamb- Ryan Donough.
 Reserve Champion Market Lamb- Ryan Tracy.
 Class #1 Selling Market Lamb (Lightweight)- 1. John Tracy, 2. Amy Hoffines, 3. Danny Murphy.
 Class #2 Selling Market Lamb (Lightweight)- 1. Peter Hoffines, 2. Heather Ziegler, 3. Jill Hoffines.
 Class #3 Selling Market Lamb (Lightweight)- 1. Mark Tracy, 2. Blaine Brown, 3. Jamie Brown.
 Champion Lightweight Sale Lamb- Peter Hoffines.
 Reserve Champion Lightweight Sale Lamb- Mark Tracy.
 Class #1 Selling Market Lamb (Mediumweight)- 1. Jordan Fabian, 2. Ryan Tracy, 3. Raphael Peters.
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Corby Zelgler holds the trophy for the champion selling lamb held by Lisa Reiff. The champion market lamb belongs to Corby's brother Brandon, who was in the hospital being fitted for a new leg cast during the competition. At left, is Radell Peter's who shows the reserve champion selling lamb.

Tobacco Growers Worry About Tax Proposals

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crops helps to preserve farming in the area.

Weaver told *Lancaster Farming* that a similar proposal in Canada, which raised prices dramatically, made a lot of people simply stop smoking. This caused a lot of people to go out of business, he said.

"This issue is a lot more complicated than most people think," said Weaver. He said that those who propose the taxes should look at the revenues that convenience stores pull in because of cigarette and other tobacco sales — upward of 25 percent. Business for these stores would be disrupted significantly if people stopped smoking, such as they did in Canada, because of severe taxes.

Weaver said a meeting of the growers will be scheduled in February next year, with more details in the coming months.

According to John Yocum, manager of the research station, this year's tobacco crop "is probably one of the better crops in overall growth and uniformity," despite some problems with Etch virus and blue mold. Some good dry weather will lead to good curing air for the crop.

Farmers are cautiously cutting back on the amount of tobacco grown over the years because of these worries, according to Weaver. He used to grow about 12 acres of tobacco and is now down to eight acres. The last three years, the association president is growing only Maryland 609 type.

For now, prices of the southern markets are down from last year. Does this predict the price at the auction in Paradise starting late this year?

"Is it indicative of what's going on?" said Weaver. "I don't know."

Blue Mold Sighted

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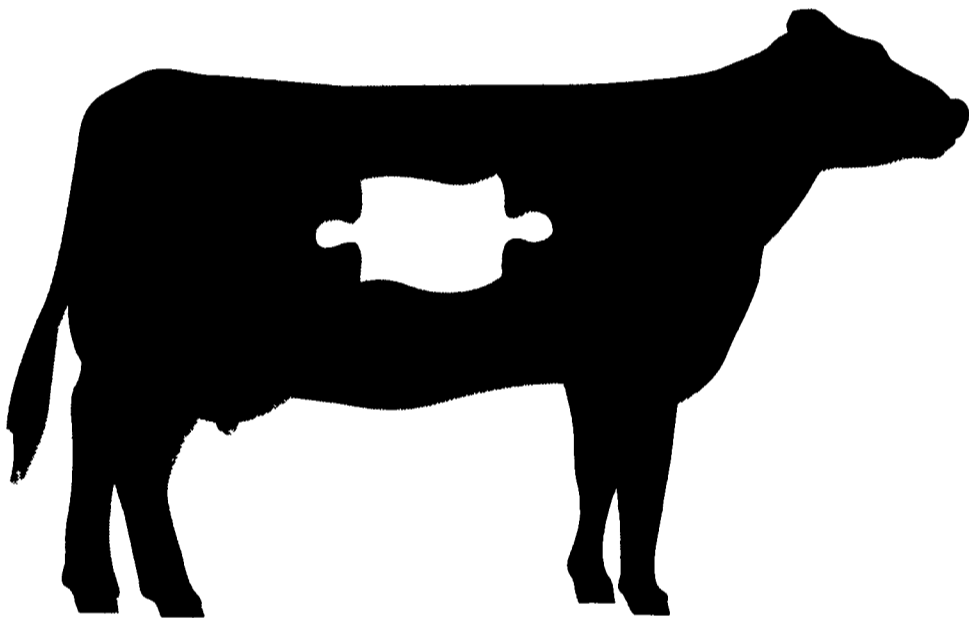
LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Tobacco blue mold disease was identified in a field of Maryland type tobacco near Paradise on August 12. We have been expecting blue mold infection since Kentucky and Virginia were reporting infection at least two weeks ago, and the local weather conditions were good for infection.

There are no labeled products that would be effective at the present growth stage of our tobacco. Ridomil is only labeled for application prior to transplanting and at last cultivation (layby). Our best recommendation at this time is harvest sooner than normal if the tobacco has been topped, has decent growth, and shows blue mold infection.

If the tobacco is not topped, top even if you have to "bud" the tobacco, and then use a maleic hydrazide type of sucker control. Many times after the tobacco is topped and sprayed, the blue mold does not move above the bottom leaves.

Watch and be prepared to harvest sooner if you see the blue mold moving to the upper leaves. Fields most susceptible to blue mold are those that have poor air movement and those that stay wet (close to woods, bordered by corn, low, and fog susceptible).

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