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Officials Call For Emergency Potato Blight Meeting

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COUDERSPORT (Potter Co.) — About 90 percent of the expected potato crop in Potter County is gone, according to Potter County extension agent Samuel Crossley, who on Thursday announced an emergency meeting set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Potter County Extension office in Coudersport.

Crossley said large amounts of rain this summer and cool, overcast conditions has created ideal conditions for "late blight fungus," a common disease to potato growers.

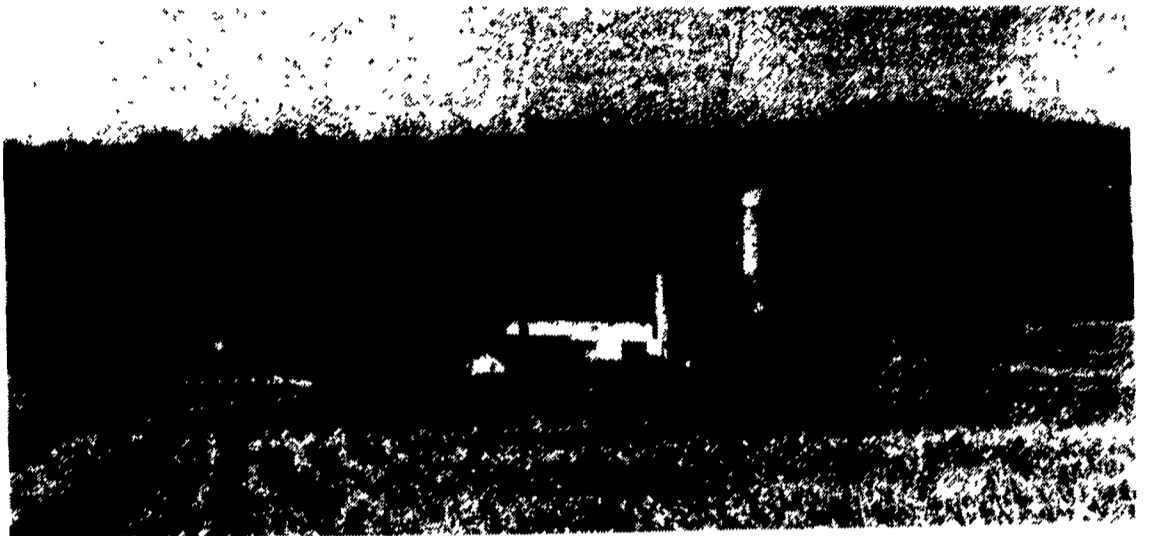
However, according to Crossley

and Penn State plant pathologist Dr. Barbara Christ, this is not just a case of weather conditions causing ideal conditions for plant disease. This situation has far more serious implications, she said.

According to Christ, it is believed that the disease that has destroyed the majority of the potatoes in Potter County and Erie County is a new strain, with conceivably the potential to pose long term management problems for potato growers.

Christ is to attend the meeting and give a slide presentation on the disease.

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Willow Spring Farm is the home of Emma Krantz and the place used in the filming of the movie "Witness." Two mid-September fundraising events at the farm are scheduled to raise money to help purchase development easements and preserve the farm.

Farmland Fundraiser At Famous Lancaster Farm

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The public has been invited to tour the famous Lancaster County farm where the movie "Witness," starring Harrison Ford, was made, during either of two fundraising events set for Sept. 16 and Sept. 17.

The fundraisers at the Willow Spring Farm, owned by Emma Krantz, is being sponsored by the Lancaster Farmland Trust in an effort to raise funds to permanently preserve the farm.

All funds raised during the two

days will be used to help purchase a conservation easement for the farm's permanent preservation and continued trust farmland preservation efforts.

Reservations are needed for both days. Call (717) 293-0707 to make reservations on a first-call basis. Additional information and directions will be given to those with reservations.

Sept. 16
Private Tour
Reception

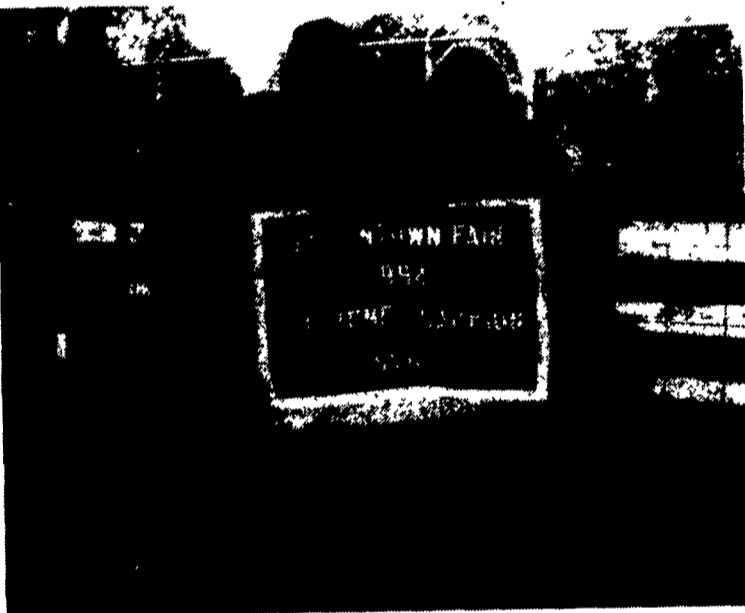
Set for Friday, Sept. 16 is a pri-

vate tour of the farmstead and a reception at the nearby home of

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Office Closed For Labor Day

Lancaster Farming's office will be closed on Monday, September 5 to observe Labor Day. Both the advertising and news departments will open again at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.



Tim Wessner, right, won supreme champion boar at the Allentown Fair on Thursday. At left is Larry Arnold, show judge. See page A31 for story.

Supporters Golf For FFA At Tournament, Auction

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Lancaster Farming Staff
STEVENS (Lancaster Co.) —

FFA supporters brought their best golf wear and equipment. They also brought their pocketbooks.

Friends and supporters of the Pennsylvania FFA were on hand Monday at the Fox Chase Golf Club near Stevens to raise more than \$7,500, including about \$3,000 at a benefit auction, for the Pennsylvania chapter of the national agricultural youth development program.

The second annual Hoss's Fore FFA Golf Tournament and auction, hosted under clearing skies, light humidity, and near-perfect golfing conditions, was a turnout in force from about 31 sponsors, including 21 hole sponsors. On hand to support the event were a wide array of generous agri-industry businesses and agencies from all over the region and the state.

Not only did many businesses and agencies contribute, but so did many of the state FFA officers on hand to help with the fund-raising event.

For instance, Laurie J. Wild-

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State officers present at the golf tournament included, left to right, Laurie J. Wildman, north central region vice president; Chad Slusser, state treasurer; Theresa M. Inhoff, eastern region vice president; Kelli S. Ziegler, south central vice president; Marci Harnish, state vice president; Traci M.

Lobaugh, state reporter; Heidi E. Dahlhammer, state secretary; James F. McConnaughey, western regional vice president; Jenny Zerby, state president; Tony Miller, state sentinel; and Ben Dodd, state chaplain. Photo by Andy Andrews