

## Protect Corn From Early Insect Attacks

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — Mild winters often result in heavier-than-normal insect pressures. To avoid early season insect damage this year, growers should consider applying an insecticide at planting, advises Norm Klein, Northrup King Co. agronomist for

the High Plains.

Several insects will attack the seed itself, destroying the germ or feeding on the germinating tissue. According to Klein, common early season pests include white grubs, wireworms, seed corn beetles and seed corn maggots. Problems with

white grubs are most likely in fields where manure has been applied. Wireworms, which are typically found in grass roots, can be especially troublesome in corn fields planted after wheat. Seed corn beetles and seed corn maggots often attack seeds when corn

planting conditions result in poor seed-to-soil contact.

To minimize damage from these insects, Klein suggests growers apply a planter-box seed protectant to the seed. These treatments will protect corn from attacks by pests such as seed corn maggots and

wireworms. However, the Northrup King agronomist warns that seed treatments do not protect seedlings. An at-planting insecticide is needed to protect corn plants from insects such as rootworms.

If conditions suggest severe insect problems, a seed treatment coupled with an insecticide banded over the row may be warranted. Klein recommends growers consider a T-band insecticide treatment. The T-band delivers a portion of the insecticide into the furrow and also applies a band over the row. However, not all insecticides are labeled for this type of application, so growers should read and follow product label instructions.

For additional advice on controlling early season insects, growers can contact a local Northrup King agronomist by calling (800) AGVISOR.

## Agent Receives International Award

CLAYTON, N.J. — Jerry Frecon, an agricultural agent with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Gloucester County, was the recent

recipient of the International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association's (IDFTA) Distinguished Service Award for Extension.

The award is presented annually by the association for outstanding extension education. The award was presented at the IDFTA's annual conference in Hershey, Pa. in early March by Darrel Oakes, president of the 1,400 member international association of fruit growers, nursery managers, exten-

sion and research personnel from 25 countries involved in the production and marketing of fruit.

In presenting a plaque and citation, Oakes said, "Mr. Frecon's extension program in New Jersey is recognized as one of the best in the United States, particularly in the area of cultivar evaluations and recommendations. He speaks at many meetings each year. Mr. Frecon publishes frequently and has received more than 40 grants

for his work," said Oakes. "Most importantly, when we talk to the growers in his area, we find that even with his many involvements and responsibilities, the interests of those he serves come first."

Past recipients of the award have been from Michigan, British Columbia, Italy and New Zealand. The International Dwarf Fruit Tree Association is an educational organization with offices in Wenatchee, Wash. and Millersburg, Pa.

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## Plans Set For Junior Angus Show

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—Plans are under way for one of the larger beef breed shows in the world, the National Junior Angus Show, set for July 18-22 at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

The show will host exhibitors from 40 states and Canada and more than 900 head of Angus cattle, estimated James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association.

Jim Hough, Dresden, Ohio, will judge the owned heifer division. Galen Fink, Manhattan, Kan., will judge bred-and-owned heifers, bred-and-owned bulls and cow-calf pairs, and the steer show will be judged by Gordon Jones of Bowling Green, Ky.

Every exhibitor at the national show must be a member of the American Angus Association and be nine years old by Jan. 1, 1995, and not yet be 21 years of age by that date.

The hosts of this year's show, the Kentucky Junior Angus Association, have a full schedule of activities for the five-day event.

Finals of the 29th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest will be held during the national show. Around 70 contestants from 36 states and Canada will compete for the coveted title of "Top Showman." Judges for the showmanship contest are Jerry Carrico, Redfield, Iowa; Bruce McDonald, Fayetteville, Tenn.; and Paul St. Blanc, Lena, Miss.

The annual meeting of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will be conducted during the show with the election of six new directors to the NJAA board.

For more information on the National Junior Angus Show, contact American Angus Association, Junior Activities Dept., 3201 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph, MO 64506, (816) 233-3101.

## Swine Practitioners Hold Meeting

OMAHA, Neb. — The American Association of Swine Practitioners (AASP) held its annual meeting here March 4-7.

Dr. Timothy Paul Trayer of Denver, Pa. was among the 700 veterinarians attending the 26th annual meeting.

Preconvention workshops offered new information that can be readily applied in the field. Topics included ventilation, building construction, financial advisement, and nutrition.

The general meeting concentrated on new health and production technologies in the swine industry across North America and the rest of the world. Keynote was an area update on PRRS research data.

The AASP is dedicated to the continuing education of more than 1,600 members throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico. This international education symposium concentrates on subjects relating to the efficient and humane production of safe, wholesome pork for consumers.

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