

Immediate Help For Snap Bean Growers

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—State Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius has issued a crisis exemption for the herbicide "Reflex" so that it may be used on snap bean fields. The fields are threatened by horsenettle and other weeds that could limit bean harvests.

"Snap bean growers must act

quickly if their fields are threatened by certain weeds," Brosius said. "Horsenettle, in particular, is difficult to control without the use of Reflex."

Horsenettle is a perennial weed that produces small, poisonous berries that turn from green to yellow as they mature. The fruit is difficult to separate from snap

beans under normal harvesting procedures.

Applications of Reflex must be made prior to complete canopy development of the snap bean crop and prior to the development of fruits by the horsenettle. Growers may begin making applications immediately.

Reflex is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use on soybeans. It is available from commercial agricultural chemical dealers.

The department currently has an application for an emergency exemption for Reflex pending with the EPA. The EPA has taken longer than the normal 50-day review period to act on the department's request, warranting the need for the crisis exemption.

The crisis exemption expires on July 7. The department's request for an emergency exemption is expected to be approved by the EPA, allowing growers to continue use during the normal application period. Growers must discontinue use of this product on snap beans after the expiration date of the emergency exemption.

Pennsylvania produced 14,370 tons of snap beans in 1993. The crop was valued at \$3,377,000.

For more information about the crisis exemption, snap bean growers should contact John Lake of the department's Bureau of Plant Industry at (717) 787-4843.

Latuch Brothers Host For Day At Farm

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tional grazing."

Roger uses a computer to keep records and has an office located next to the parlor and the partnership markets its milk to Galliker's Dairy in Johnstown.

The Latuchs are a family farm. Roger and his wife Avis have three children, Andrew, 19, Kristi, 15, and Tim, 13.

David's children are Brittney, 10, Bridgett, 8, Brooke, 6, and Scott, 4.

The older children are members of the Milkshaker's 4-H Club, and have project animals they show in the county fair, held in August.

In addition to helping with the county Farm Bureau project, Roger is also involved with outside

conservation groups.

Currently serving as president of the Casselman River Watershed Association, he said the organization has a goal of reclaiming the river. He is also a member of the county Conservation District and the Somerset County Conservancy.

The Latuchs said they welcomed visitors for the educational, family fun event.

When asked why they agreed to serve as host for the event, Roger grinned and said, "Well, somebody's got to do it. Besides, it gives us the incentive to do things (around the farm) that need to be done."

Rogers Joins Horse Racing Commission

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius recently announced that Gov. Tom Ridge's nomination of C. Edward Rogers, Jr. to the Pennsylvania Harness Racing Commission (PHRC) has been confirmed by the Senate.

Gov. Ridge nominated Rogers, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, to the PHRC on April 18.

"Ed Rogers is well qualified for this position on the PHRC," Brosius said. "He has an extensive background in both harness racing and financial management."

Rogers, 54, is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and is currently president of the accounting firm Greenwalt & Company,

P. C. of Mechanicsburg. He first joined the firm as a partner in 1973.

He has been involved in harness racing activities for nearly 30 years as an owner, trainer, breeder and driver.

The State Harness Racing Commission oversees harness racing activities throughout the commonwealth, including licensing of all participants and enforcement of all laws and regulations pertaining to harness racing.

There are two commissioners and one chairman at the PHRC. Commissioners, who meet monthly, also handle the adjudication of appeals of judges' rulings, track ejections and licensing violations.

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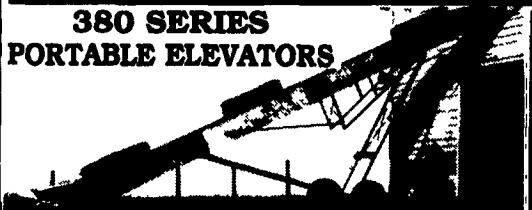
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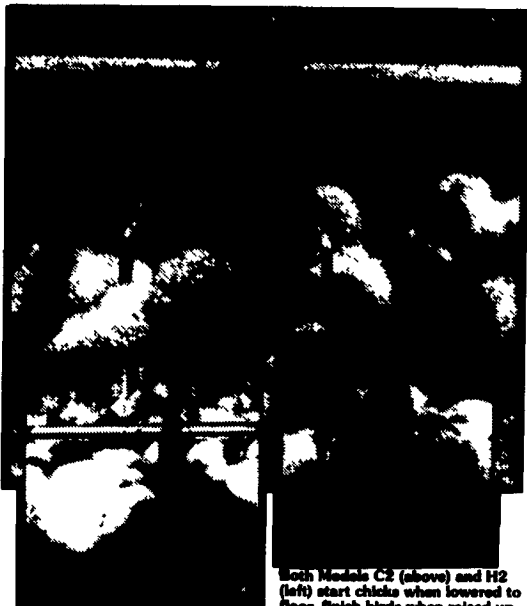
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Ted Latuch, who's blind, takes care of feeding calves. He also does sire selection at the Latuch Brothers farm.



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