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## HODGEPODGE

This month's column is a collection of notes pertaining to fruit and/or vegetable production. There was not an easy way to tie them all together, so I'll just present them separately.

In the last few weeks I've been involved in planning the winter meetings for both the fruit and vegetable growers in Lancaster County. You should be receiving information from your county extension office soon regarding the winter meeting schedule throughout the region.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend these meetings. Not only do you earn credits for your pesticide applicator license but you also have the opportunity to hear about the latest developments in crop production. There is also a great deal to be learned by talking with other producers of the same commodity.

Amvac, the manufacturer of Phosdrin (common name mevinphos) has announced a recall of all unopened and opened containers of this product. Phosdrin could be sold and used only through November 30, 1995. Since there are no longer any labeled uses of this chemical, it is important that you return any Phosdrin that may be in your spray stock.

Phosdrin was a widely labeled broad-spectrum insecticide in fruit and other crops. Phosdrin is a Toxicity Category I product, meaning it is very hazardous to humans and other mammals. Distributors and dealers should be receiving information soon about the details of the recall program. You should contact the dealer that sold you the product about returning the product.

A Phosdrin Recall Hotline has been established to assist with any questions. Call (800) 205-5330.

Fruit loss from Tufted Apple Bud Moth (TABM) was probably the highest ever in Adams County this year. It is believed that part of this problem was increased resistance to most organophosphate insecticides by TABM.

Damaged fruit cannot be sold

downgraded to utility, causing a reduction in price and subsequent returns to the grower. One wellmanaged orchard sustained such a high level of damage from TABM that 'their entire crop (8,000 bushels) had to be sold as juice.

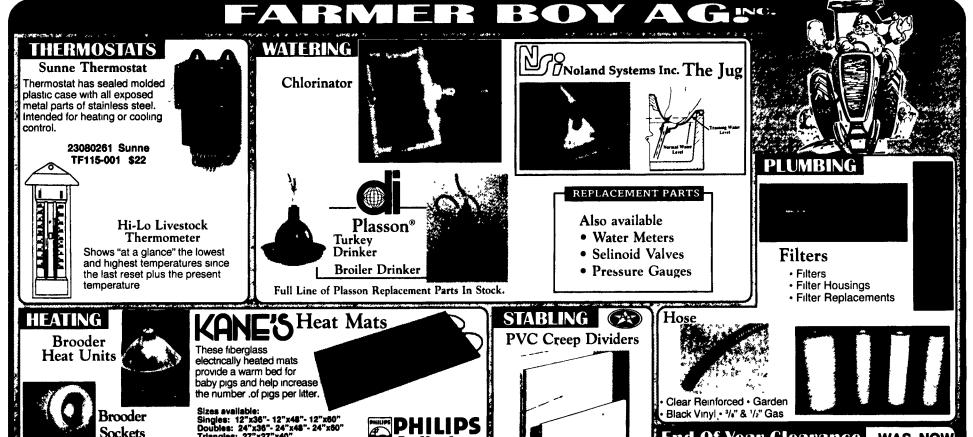
The environmental conditions of the past growing season could also have contributed to this problem. High temperatures during the second brood hatch of TABM may have increased the rate of insecticide breakdown. In addition, some growers may have stretched the spray interval too much, particularly those spraying alternate row middles.

However, the possibility of resistance to the sprays applied for control is of great concern. Researchers at the Fruit Research Lab at Biglerville are conducting bioassays on 12 populations of TABM collected from throughout Adams County to determine if resistance to methomyl is present. I would be interested in hearing from any Lancaster county growers who had problems with TABM control this year.

The term Integrated Pest Management or IPM has been in the news frequently in recent times. IPM involves using chemical, biological, and cultural practices to provide effective, environmentally sound control of weeds and pests. If you are not already using some kind of IPM practices I would encourage you to investigate the possibility of adding one or more, to your operation next year.

Unfortunately, I believe that many farmers do not fully understand the ideas behind and the actual workings of an IPM program. The main premise of an IPM

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