

Foliar Application, Leaf Sorting Contribute To Tobacco Show Success

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September the weather improved for curing.

Because of overcast, moist days in the growing season, leaves were not able to thicken and make the weight necessary for good yields.

Growers who store tobacco in the cellar have to worry about the tobacco getting wet when the weather turned warmer and foggy, as it did last week. It should be taken back up from the cellar to dry in the barn.

The past growing season, "we saw a good bit of etch virus," said Yocum, which includes white spotting on the leaves. With blue mold, growers "lucked out" this year because the weather pattern, which usually brings the spores from Kentucky, shifted to a more northerly direction. As a result, areas of the Ohio Valley were stricken with the mold, and Cana-

da had it for the first time in a long while, said Yocum. "Kentucky and Ohio had a lot of blue mold," he said.

The key to controlling blue mold would be keeping the molds out in the early stages of tobacco growth. If it comes in early, it can do damage, said Yocum.

Yocum, who will be judging tobacco today at the Farm Show, said that when he's deciding on a champion he looks for leaves that aren't bruised or sunburned. The leaves that stand out will be those that have uniform color, good stretch, don't show insect damage or holes, are free of molds or sunburn, and have tips that aren't frayed or crispy. Judging begins at the Farm Show Complex today at 9 a.m.



R. Michael Mellott, left, garnered top ribbon at the Lancaster County Tobacco Show with his Pennsylvania 41 wrapper for the third year in a row. At right is Raymond Rinehart, leaf purchaser with Lancaster Leaf Company and one of the show judges. The other show judge, not pictured, was Geoffrey H. Ranck, Domestic Tobacco Company.

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Type 41 Seedleaf Wrappers: 1. R. Michael Mellott. 2. Michael Rohrer. 3. Todd Rohrer.

Fillers: 1. John Smith Jr. 2. Gary R. Neff. 3. Andrew Burkholder.

Binders: 1. Michael Rohrer. 2. Garrett Neff. 3. Andrew Burkholder.

Type 609 Bottoms: 1. Gary R. Neff. 2. Ronald Ulrich. 3. Donald Witmer.

Middles: 1. Ronald Ulrich. 2. Ariene Bingham. 3. John D. Burkholder.

Tops: 1. Ariene Bingham. 2. Gary R. Neff. 3. R. Michael Mellott.

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Type 41 Seedleaf Wrapper: 1. Todd Rohrer. 2. Jessica L. Neff. 3. Mark Rohrer.

Fillers: 1. Seth A. Perry. 2. Andrew Burkholder. 3. Stephan C. Knight.

Binders: 1. Todd Rohrer. 2. Jessica L. Neff. 3. Mark Rohrer.

Type 609 Bottoms: 1. Jessica L. Neff. 2. Clint L. Frey. 3. Keith Frey.

Middles: 1. Keith Frey. 2. Jessica L. Neff. 3. Wendy Witmer.

Tops: 1. Jessica L. Neff. 2. Wendy Witmer. 3. Robert Garrett.

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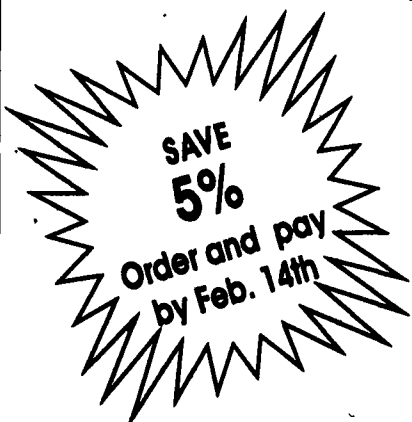
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