

Directors Appointed To Commodity Boards

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Acting-Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. this week announced appointments to the commodity and research marketing boards that assist in marketing a variety of Pennsylvania's agricultural products.

are vital to the promotion of Pennsylvania's agricultural industry," Hayes said. "Each board member is a proven leader and is ready to address the challenges and responsibilities of his or her respective program."

"The state's commodity boards

In the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program appointed

were Kay E. Hollabaugh, Bigler-ville, Adams County; Gail McPherson, New Park, York County; and Lee Showalter, Chambersburg, Franklin County.

To the Pennsylvania Peach and Nectarine Research Program, appointed were Calvin Beckman, Boyertown, Berks County; David

Kuhn, Orrtanna, Adams County; Paul J. Lerew, York Springs, Adams County; and Thomas Rosazza, Avondale, Chester County.

In the Pennsylvania Potato Research Program, appointed were David A. Bender, Chambersburg, Franklin County; Seth Ballog, Union City, Erie County; and James W. Ringler, Berlin, Somerset County.

In the Pennsylvania Vegetable Marketing and Research Program, appointed were Robert Constantine, Smock, Fayette County;

James Hoopes, Ulysses, Potter County; Robert Kilgore, Broque, York County; and Robert Trax, Finleyville, Washington County.

Board members serve a maximum term of three years, and are appointed by the agriculture secretary upon recommendations made by industry leaders, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, the Pennsylvania Farmers Union and the Pennsylvania State Grange.

For more information on commodity marketing and research boards, please contact Mike Varner at (717) 787-6901.

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Tobacco Blue Mold

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The blue mold on the North Carolina transplants are suspected to be RIDOMIL insensitive since the grower in North Carolina had used RIDOMIL on his plant beds. At the present time (except for the two plant beds), the blue mold was observed only on the North Carolina transplants. For this reason, we are recommending that the transplants that came from North Carolina be destroyed so that the amount of blue mold inoculum will be reduced.

Every grower should start spraying their tobacco (beds and field) with a protective fungicide. We still recommend that you use RIDOMIL preplant, but then spray the field transplants with a protective fungicide. At the present time, the only labeled material we have as a protectant is DITHANE DF (State label). DITHANE DF should be sprayed at 1.5 lbs per acre (small plants) 2 lbs per acre (larger plants). You should apply this protectant spray every 5 to 10 days, or reapply after a heavy rain. DITHANE DF is a protectant so spray coverage of the entire plant is extremely important. It is also important for every grower to protect their plant beds. Spray the plant beds with 10 level tablespoons of CARBAMATE WDG (ferbam) in one gallon of water for a seedbed 6 x 50 ft. Again this is a protectant, so coverage is important. Seedbeds should be sprayed every 5 days or after every watering.

Since we are so early in the tobacco production season and since the North Carolina transplants have been spread over the tobacco producing area (Lancaster, Lebanon, Centre and Union Counties), all Pennsylvania tobacco is at risk for serious damage from blue mold disease. It is extremely important for all growers to follow the recommendation to protect the Pa. tobacco crop.