

**Vegetable Marketing**

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. announced May 6 that Pennsylvania's vegetable growers have voted to continue the Pennsylvania Vegetable Marketing and Research Program for another five years.

"This vote reflects the importance of this program to the future of Pennsylvania's vegetable industry," Hayes said. "It demonstrates a vote of confidence in the research support and promotional efforts the program provides."

An impartial Teller Committee comprised of individuals representing the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, the Pennsylvania State Grange, the Pennsylvania Farmer's Union, the Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service counted the ballots in April.

Of those voting, 66 percent vot-

ed in favor of and 34 percent voted against continuing the program.

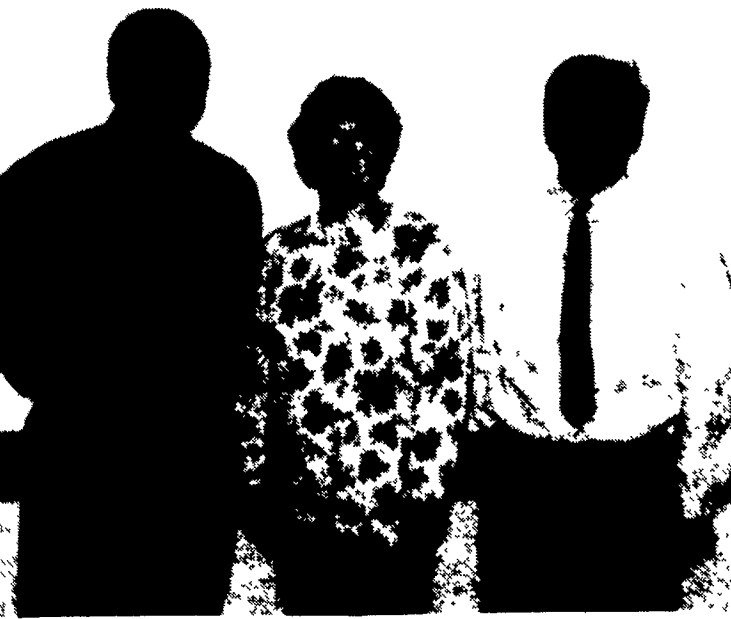
Pennsylvania's Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act stipulates that a program will continue when favored by a simple majority of those voting.

Pennsylvania's vegetable marketing and research program promotes the sale of Pennsylvania-grown vegetables and conducts research beneficial to the state's vegetable industry.

**Regional Envirothon Competition May 12**

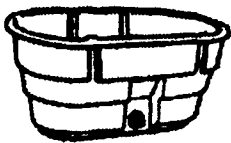
SUNBURY (Northumberland Co.) — Sixty-three teams totalling 315 high school students from Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union counties will take part in the 13th annual Susquehanna Valley Envirothon on Tuesday, May 12 at Shikellamy State Park on the Island in Sunbury. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.

Students will be tested at five separate stations in each of the following categories: aquatics, forestry, wildlife, soils, and current issues. This year's current environmental issue is "watershed management." A fun, nontesting station is also included in the rotation. The nontesting station will focus on Native American culture and its rich history in this region.

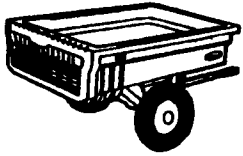


Corn grain contest plot winners were, first place, Dwayne Pelfer, far right; second, H. Grant Troop, far left; and third, Fay Herr.

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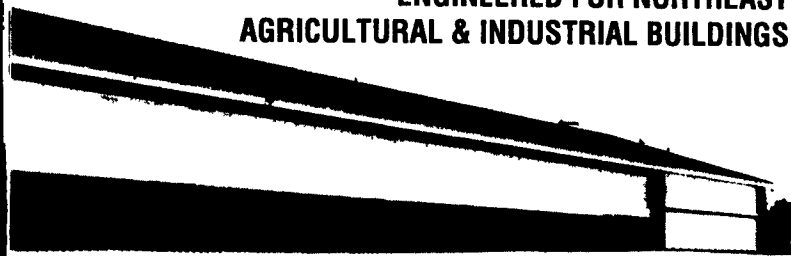
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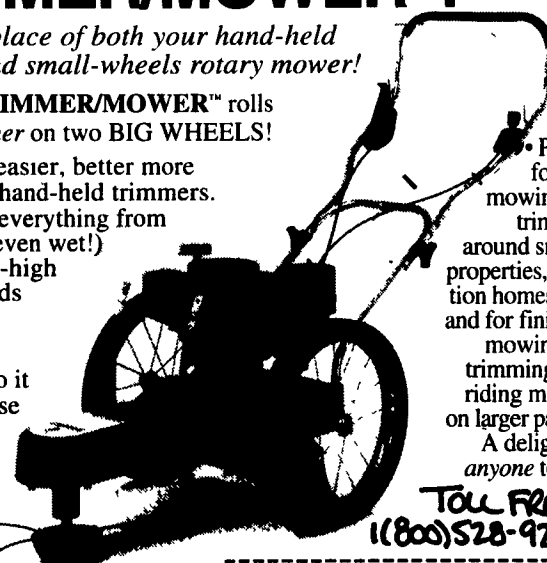
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The team from each county with the highest combined score will be declared the county winner, but there will also be an overall first place winner. All winners will receive awards. Each county winner is eligible to advance and participate in the Pennsylvania Envirothon competition being held at Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County on Thursday, May 28. Participants at the state level receive a certificate of participation, and the first place overall finisher at the state level wins an all expenses paid trip to the National Envirothon. The 1998 national event will be held in Michigan.

Representatives from the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Bureau of Forestry, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of State Parks, and a current issues specialist will conduct the testing at each station. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and conservation district personnel will also be assisting at the event.

The competition is sponsored by the conservation districts and is designated to heighten environmental awareness in each student, test their knowledge and understanding of resource issues, and produce environmentally responsible adults. Pennsylvania is the birthplace of the Envirothon. The National Envirothon now boasts participation by at least 42 states and four Canadian provinces.

