

Tuesday, July 14

Grazing and pasture meeting, Dave and Ruth Ann Hallow, Jersey Shore, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday, July 16

Weed Science Field Day, Landisville. Grazing Walk In Berks County, Gil Richard Papa Farm, managed by Brian and Karen Mohn, Bethel, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, July 17

Weed Science Field Day, Rockspring.

Wednesday, July 22

Penn State Agronomic Field Diagnostic Clinic, Rockspring, thru July 23.

Tuesday, August 11

Grazing and pasture meeting, Forks Farm, Orangeville (John Hopkins and family), 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18

Ag Progress Days and PFGC Hay Show, thru Aug. 20.

Wednesday, August 19

PFGC Picnic At Evergreen Farms.

Thursday, August 20

Berks County Grazing Walk, Nevin and Audrey Mast, Oley, 10 a.m.-noon.

Thursday, September 17

Berks County Grazing Walk, Double G Farm, Barb and Kevin Gorski, Bernville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 15

Berks County Grazing Walk, Dr.

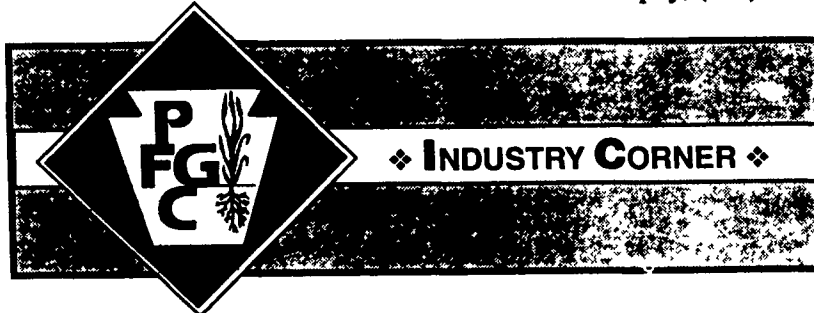
Robert and Helene Driesbach, Shartlesville, 10 a.m.-noon.

Tuesday, November 10


Alfalfa Intensive Training Seminar, Minneapolis, thru November 12. Contact Jerry Johnson, (530) 662-6565.

Tuesday, November 17

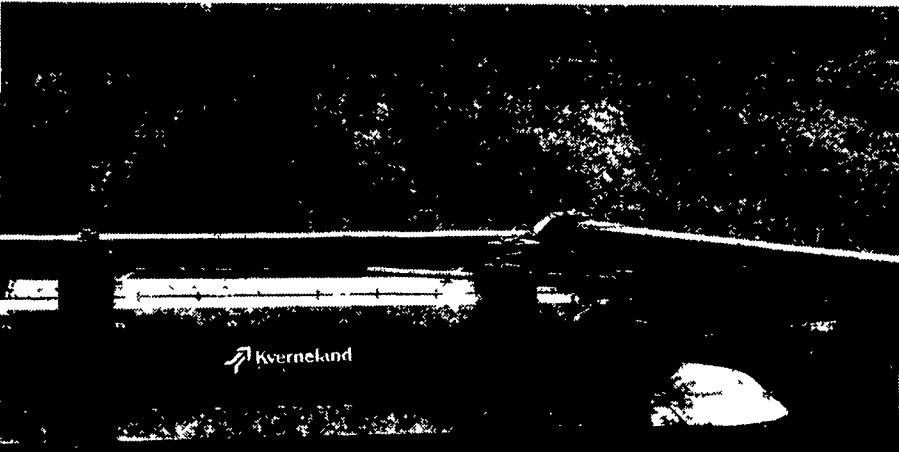
Forage Conference in Lycoming. Contact Tom Murphy, (717) 327-2350.



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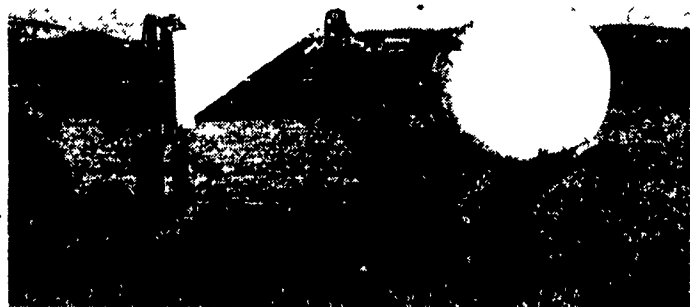
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LEAFHOPPER PRESSURE-RESISTANT ALFALFA VARIETIES SHOW PROMISE

Remember the leafhopper explosion of last summer? Literally overnight, high populations of adult potato leafhoppers descended on alfalfa fields all over the Northeast. Even areas of northern Pennsylvania and New York were hit hard, where potato leafhopper (PLH) is considered an "occasional pest."

Again, leafhopper pressure is severe, especially in southern Pennsylvania and Maryland. Many spring seedlings and second-cutting regrowth which were not sprayed have been seriously yellowed and stunted.

Do you personally sweep for leafhoppers or do you hire someone for insect scouting? Regardless of who does the scouting, it will pay to keep a sweep net handy and learn how to identify leafhopper adults and nymphs. They can be easily confused with other small insects such as aphids, almost always caught at the same time.

Leafhopper scouting is easy to do and is the best way to decide if an insecticide application is needed.

Don't wait to see your fields turn a sickly yellow. Real damage to forage quality, especially protein, and yields occurs quickly and before you see the signs. The yellowing results from a buildup of carbohydrate in the leaves which can not be translocated to the