

Pork Producer Election Set

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The election of pork producers delegate candidates for the 1999 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19 in conjunction with a board of directors meeting of Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council in the Meats Lab at Penn State.

All Pennsylvania pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered a delegate candidate and participate in the election. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, 1631 Grim Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530, (610) 285-6519.



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Fungicide With New Mode Of Action Shown At Apple Orchard Field Day

BIGLERVILLE (Adams Co.) — Growers of tree fruits and grapes have a new way to protect their crops from foliar disease. This was the subject of an apple orchard field day at the Penn State research orchards Wednesday afternoon.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has registered Vanguard for Novartis Crop Protection, Inc. This fungicide has been developed for control of Botrytis bunch rot (gray mold) in grapes, scab in pome fruits, brown rot blossom blight and fruit brown rot in stone fruits.

This was one of a number of new chemistries discussed at the field day. James Johnson, district manager for Novartis, said the company has a new product for fruit in development for each of the

next five to seven years. Dealers and distributors in attendance pointed out to *Lancaster Farming* that this commitment to the fruit industry was significant because of the Food Quality Protection Act that requires all chemical products to be reregistered within a short time. Many of the existing products will be lost because of FQPA. Only if new chemistry to replace the lost products can be shown to be of "reduced risk" to environment and applicators will the industry have the tools necessary to survive. Because of the cost and length of time to get a new chemistry registered, most companies are not committed to the fruit industry.

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fast within two hours after application. It stops existing infections and moves to protect new growth. As a result, Vanguard provides 48-hour reach-back control and six-day forward disease protection for apple scab.

Michael Boyd, representing Novartis, also introduced a new fungicide that is not currently labeled for use or sale but is expected to become available soon. Given the name Flint, the new product is a broad-spectrum foliar fungicide with a high margin of crop safety. It is especially effective against powdery mildews and leaf and fruit spots in crops such as pome fruit and grapes.

The field day was held for industry representatives and the press to view the results of the trial applications in the research orchards.



At the apple orchard field day are from left, Robert O'Connell, Senior Counselor, Shandwick; James Johnson, district manager, Novartis; and Michael Boyd, consultant representing Novartis.



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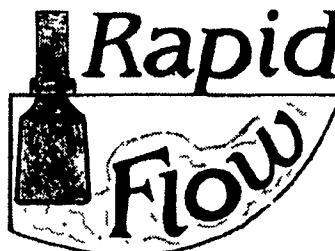
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