

Soybean Board Announces Contest Winners

LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Recently the Pennsylvania Soybean Promotion Board announced the results of the 1998 Pennsylvania Soybean Yield Contest.

Picking up first place in the statewide contest was James E. Hershey, Lancaster County, with a yield of 80.21 bushels per acre using Pioneer 9421.

Second place went to Jon E. Stutzman, Berks County, with a yield of 77.43 bushels per acre using Gutwein 7410. Third place went to Jack Coleman, Lancaster County with a yield of 76.10 bushels per acre using Pioneer 93B81.

According to contest coordinator John Yocum, manager of the

Southeast Ag Research and Extension Center in Landisville, STS cultivars made up 23 percent of the 30 entries, with an average of 68.97 bushels per acre. Normal cultivars comprised 30 percent of the entries, with an average of 63.58 bushels per acre.

Roundup Ready cultivars made up 47 percent of the entries with an average yield of 60.80 bushels per

acre.

Minimum till was used on 54 percent of the entries and no-till on 46 percent. A corn planter was used on 37 percent of the entries and a drill on 63 percent.

Forty-one percent of the entries were planted May 11-20, 34 percent May 21-30, and 15 percent were planted June 1 or after.

Ten percent of the entries were planted May 10 or earlier.

Drills planted soybeans at an average of 196,000 plants per acre. Corn planters averaged 176,000 plants per acre. Fifty-five percent of the entries planted in rows 10 inches or less, 35 percent planted in 15-inch rows, and 10 percent planted in 30-inch rows. Ninety-seven percent of the entries were

inoculated and the same percentage did not cultivate. Ninety-four percent reported good to excellent weed control.

Of the entries, 39 percent used fertilizer or manure and 74 percent applied phosphorous and potassium or manure to the previous crop. Forty-five percent of the entrants reported a current soil test.

Commercial Rabbit Production Course Feb. 27

OAKLAND, Md. — A widely recognized rabbit specialist will speak about commercial rabbit production here at the Pleasant Valley Community Center on

Saturday, Feb. 27.

Dr. James McNitt, author of "Rabbit Production," a source for production information, will speak about rabbit breeding management

and overall "rabbity" management.

Also at the program will be Dr. Richard W. Russell, associate professor of nutritional physiology and biochemistry in the division of animal and veterinary sciences at West Virginia University. Russell will speak about rabbit nutrition.

Dr. Raymond D. Ediger, DVM, will speak about rabbit health. Ediger is veterinarian with the Mary-

land Department of Agriculture, Frederick Laboratory. Ediger has experience as animal investigator with the National Institutes of Health, rabbit section.

Registration is free. For lunch, \$6 per person will be collected at the door.

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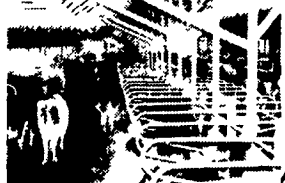
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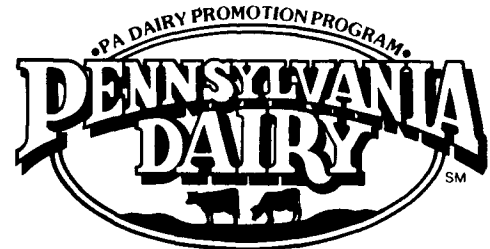
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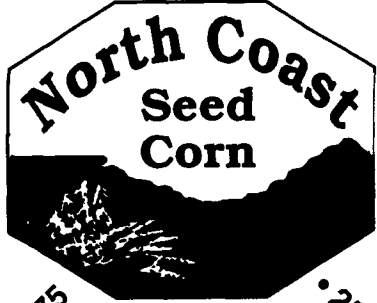
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