

Maryland Angus Association Conducts Banquet



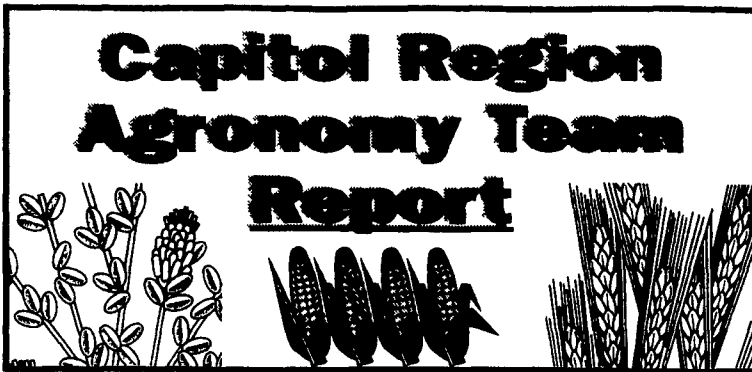
The Maryland Angus Association recognized the Dean Bryant family, Monkton, Md., as its 2000 breeder of the year at its 2001 awards banquet. Pictured from left includes Franklin Feeser, Dean, Marcia, Tiffany and Curtis Bryant.



Douglas and Pamela Velisek, Gaithersburg, Md., left and center, were named the 2000 family of the year at its 2001 awards banquet. Raymond Zeltman is pictured presenting the award.



Curtis Bryant, Monkton, Md., was presented the John Rust Canby Scholarship at the recent banquet. Pictured from left includes Melissa Schulze, Curtis Bryant and Pamela and Douglas Velisek.



TIMOTHY MITE UPDATE SECTION 24(c) APPROVAL Paul Craig, CCA Forage Crops Dauphin County

Last season a severely damaging pest of timothy was identified in Pennsylvania. This pest is a mite, commonly called the cereal rust mite.

It is so small that it cannot be observed without the use of a 20- or 30-power magnifying glass. It has been identified in older timothy stands from southwestern Franklin County to eastern Lancaster County and north to upper Dauphin County.

Signs of the pest are "droughty" looking stands in early May when there is adequate soil moisture present. Estimates of 30 to 70 percent yield reductions have been attributed to this pest.

Many timothy growers have noted that each year their stands just don't seem to be as productive as previous seasons. There is

no doubt in my mind that the cereal rust mite is probably the cause of these reductions.

This mite is not like the more familiar spider mite that often affects soybeans and other plants. The timothy mite favors colder weather. In fact, the University of Maryland has observed feeding activity in January and reproduction beginning in February.

The mites reproduce every 16 days and can result in very rapid buildups of populations. The mite feeds in between the ribs on timothy leaves. It sucks out the cell contents and moves to another cell. This causes the leaves to roll, giving the drought-stress symptoms.

This mite was identified in Maryland in 1994. It is found today in Virginia, California, South Dakota, and Nebraska. It is probably well established in many other states in between, but few producers and consultants have even though to look at

their stands of timothy for this pest and even if they did they would need to use a hand lens to even see this pest.

The University of Maryland has been working on control strategies for the past four years. Control programs have been a challenge as there are no effective products labeled for use on timothy. In fact, in small trials, some control materials have actually increased the fertility of egg laying females. In addition, control is impacted by the fact that these are extremely small pests and the rolling of the leaves makes it difficult for the pesticide to contact the mites on the plant.

Section 24(c) Approval For Sevin XLR

Effective immediately, a supplemental label use for Sevin XLR has been granted in Pennsylvania for control of the cereal rust mite. The label states growers should apply two to three pints per acre of Sevin, approximately four weeks after green up in the spring.

Treatment is recommended to timothy fields with a history of mite infestation or to fields with 25 percent of plant tillers exhibiting curled tips of new leaf blades. Sevin must be applied no later than 30 days preharvest or grazing. Apply with a minimum of 20 gallons per acre of water to ensure adequate coverage.

Contact your service representative for additional information.

N.Y. Farm Bureau Lauds N.Y. Ag Budget Proposal

GLENMONT, N.Y., New York Farm Bureau, the largest general farm advocacy organization in the state, applauds the enthusiasm toward agriculture that Assembly Agriculture Chair William Magee and the New York State Assembly displayed in their recently released FY 2001-02 budget proposal.

"Funding for the programs outlined in the Assembly Budget proposal is crucial for agriculture," stated John Lincoln, New York Farm Bureau President. "The efforts to support these programs by Assemblyman Magee and the New York State Assembly are very much appreciated by our farmers."

The Assembly is proposing funding several agricultural programs at a level higher than supported in the Governor's Executive Budget proposal. The Assembly has marked an additional \$1.65 million to support programs within the Department of Agriculture and Markets; \$650,000 to support agricultural disease management programs; \$565,000 in funding for Agri-Marketing programs across the state; \$300,000 to support agricultural research and development projects and \$135,000 in additional funding for

agricultural education program.

"Farmers in this state are increasingly concerned about animal health issues and how to better market New York agricultural commodities," added Lincoln. A great deal of this support will assist agricultural programs necessary for the industry to remain viable in New York State."

Lancaster Farming's Classified Ads Get Results!

Power Washing
Painting - Sandblasting
Specializing In Farm Buildings, Fences, Roofs, Feed Mills, Etc.
Aerial Equipment

AMOS FISHER
5269 Paes Rd., New Holland, PA 17557
717-354-9856 717-951-2527 Mobile

SANDBLASTING - SPRAY PAINTING - AERIAL LADDER EQUIPMENT

HENRY K. FISHER & SONS, INC.
667 Hartman Station Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 393-6530

NATURAL POND TREATMENT BARLEY STRAW Easy-To-Use Kit

- Suppresses Algae
- Environment Friendly
- Easy To Apply

Treats Up To 10 000 Sq. Ft.
To Order:
1-888-422-5243
www.baleinabag.net

FREE REPORT REVEALS HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL TIMBER SALE!
Are you a Private Landowner in PA who owns 10 acres or more of woodland? If YES, you are eligible for the FREE REPORT: "15 Secrets Revealed That Will GUARANTEE a Successful Timber Sale!" and a FREE, No Obligation Consultation from TimberLeads. If you are thinking about selling your standing timber - DON'T - until you read this free timber sales report that could be worth thousands of dollars to you! For your free report or to schedule your free consultation, call TimberLeads, in Juniata County, toll free - 1-877-386-7595.

See Us About The New I.H. Rissler 2000 Series

GOOD USED MIXERS FOR SALE

- Rissler 135 Mixer
- Rissler 55 Mixer
- Silomatic 224 Surface Drive, 20 Ft. Unloader

All In Good Condition

★ STAR SILO ★
Myerstown, PA
800-431-7709

MESSICK'S

187 Merts Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022
Phone # 717-367-1319 1-800-222-3373
Fax # 717-367-6662

EXTENDED SPRING HOURS ARE BACK!

Starting April 16 thru June 29
Monday thru Friday
Parts, Sales, & Service
will be open from
7:00 am until 6:00 pm

We are committed
365 days a year to afterhour
parts support. Just call
our pager at:
293-6406

HOLIDAY HOURS
Messick's Parts Department* will be open during regular business hours on the following holidays.

Memorial Day
July 4th
Labor Day

*All other departments will be closed

MESSICK FARM EQUIPMENT INC.
Rheems Exit - Rt. 283, Elizabethtown, PA 717-367-1319, 717-653-8867

Visit us on the Internet at <http://www.casecorp.com>
Case IH is a registered trademark of Case Corporation