

Seed Conf. Set For Dec. 14-15

The 20th annual Seed Conference of The Pennsylvania State University will be held December 14 and 15, in the State Department of Agriculture Building on North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, across from the Farm Show Building.

Attendees will be welcomed at 1:45 p.m. on Dec 14 by Henry F. Nixon, head of the Bureau of Plant Industry in the State Department of Agriculture. Speakers will be mostly research and extension personnel from Penn State as well as staff members from the Department of Agriculture and commercial seed companies.

Topics for the afternoon of Dec 14 include production and distribution of alfalfa varieties, control of alfalfa weevil, corn virus, certification of sod, and the flower seed industry. Speakers will be James L. Stalling, Stanley G. Gesell, Clifford C. Weinham, Joseph M. Duch, and Richard Craig.

Topics the morning of Dec 15 include detection of treated seeds, pesticides and the farmer, new flower varieties

and the Penn State trials, American Seed Trade Association's 1965 highlights, problems and trends in hybrid vegetable seed production, hybrid wheat research and the seed industry, and hybrid wheat trials. Speakers will be Wendell P. Dittmer, Herbert Cole, Robert P. Meahl, John I. Sutherland, E. Wilbur Scott, Charles Laible, and Robert P. Pfeifer.

Topics the afternoon of Dec 15 include managing of sorghum-sudan hybrids, corn silage trials, new Penn State hybrid corn, and an outlook for the seed industry. Speakers will be John E. Baylor, William F. Craig, Melvin W. Johnson, Jr., and Leland H. Bull.

Japan's seed industry will be described at the annual banquet at 6:30 p.m. Dec 14 in the Department of Agriculture cafeteria. Speaking on his observations in Japan will be Henry R. Fortmann, assistant director and agronomist for the Agricultural Experiment Station at Penn State.

Cooperating on conference arrangements are the Penna Seedmen's Assoc, the Penna Crop Improvement Assoc, and the Penna Foundation Seed Cooperative.

Whole Milk May Soon Be Had In Powdered Form

It may not be calorie watchers and penny savers only who will soon be reaching for the powdered milk at supermarkets.

U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists have come up with a reconstituted whole milk that, taste test panels say, is not distinguish-

able from its liquid brother in bottle or carton. And before it is mixed the foam-spray-dried whole milk may keep up to one year—or possibly longer—in the refrigerator.

At a recent dairy technology conference it was stated that the whole-milk-drying studies were stimulated six years ago when an orange juice powder, which reconstituted easily, was developed.

Borrowing techniques from instant coffee makers too,

milk researchers developed a cheap - to - operate system whereby compressed gasses are injected into the milk drying process.

As the milk particles dry, they form a foam. But inside each milk particle are the gaseous bubbles. When water is added to the powder, the gas is released and a foamy substance forms on the liquid's surface.

It takes overnight for the foam to disappear, which may (Continued on Page 13)

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