

Penn State Will Host Vegetable Conference

Innovations in vegetable and small fruit production—including new concepts in trickle irrigation, wholesale market packaging, and recycling vegetable wastes—will be featured at the annual Vegetable Conference February 11-13 on The Pennsylvania State University main campus.

"Topics of interest to food processors will be presented the afternoon of February 12 and the morning of February 13," said Dr. Peter A. Ferretti, assistant professor of horticulture extension at Penn State and conference chairman.

The conference, to be held in the J. O. Keller Building, is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, Pennsylvania Food Processors Association, and Penn State Department of Horticulture.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. William H. Carlson, associate professor of horticulture at Michigan State University, discussing "Facts and Fantasies in the Bedding Plant Industry." Dr. Carlson, who received three degrees from Penn State, is executive secretary of Bedding Plants, Inc., and is associate editor of the American Vegetable Grower magazine.

G. Wendell Boice, marketing manager for Chapin Watermatics Inc., of Watertown, N.Y., will present the latest information on trickle irrigation, a new concept in plant watering being used extensively in parts of the United States, Europe, and Africa.

"Small Fruit Production Innovations Around the World" will be discussed by George E. McConnell, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, a fruit grower and writer for the American Fruit Grower magazine. McConnell sells over 700,000 strawberry plants each year and recently started growing a number of vegetable crops for "pick-your-own" harvest.

"Subject matter on small fruit production was added to the conference program for the first time this year in response to grower's needs," Dr. Ferretti points out.

Another conference feature will be a panel on "Recycling Vegetable Wastes." Speakers will be Albert Darpino, president of Conte, Inc.; and Penn State Extension specialists Dr. Gerald

D. Kuhn, Dr. Lester A. Burdette, and Professor N. Henry Wooding.

"Packaging for the Wholesale Market" will be presented by John W. Phillips, produce director for Weis Markets, of Sunbury; and Armin H. Furrer, Jr., area research representative for Amchem Products, Inc., of Ambler, will discuss "The Use of Ethrel in Vegetable Production."

Dr. James M. Beattie, dean of the Penn State College of

Agriculture, will be the banquet speaker on February 11.

Other topics to be presented by Penn State specialists and industry personnel include U-Pick Strawberry Production Practices, Weed and Disease Control, OSHA Requirements, The New Pesticide Law, Fertilizer Efficiency in Hard Times, Outlook for Tomato Products, and Tomato Mechanization.

According to Dr. Ferretti, additional details and registration forms may be obtained by contacting your county agricultural agent or by writing to the Agricultural Conference Coordinator, 410 J. O. Keller Building, University Park, Pa. 16802.

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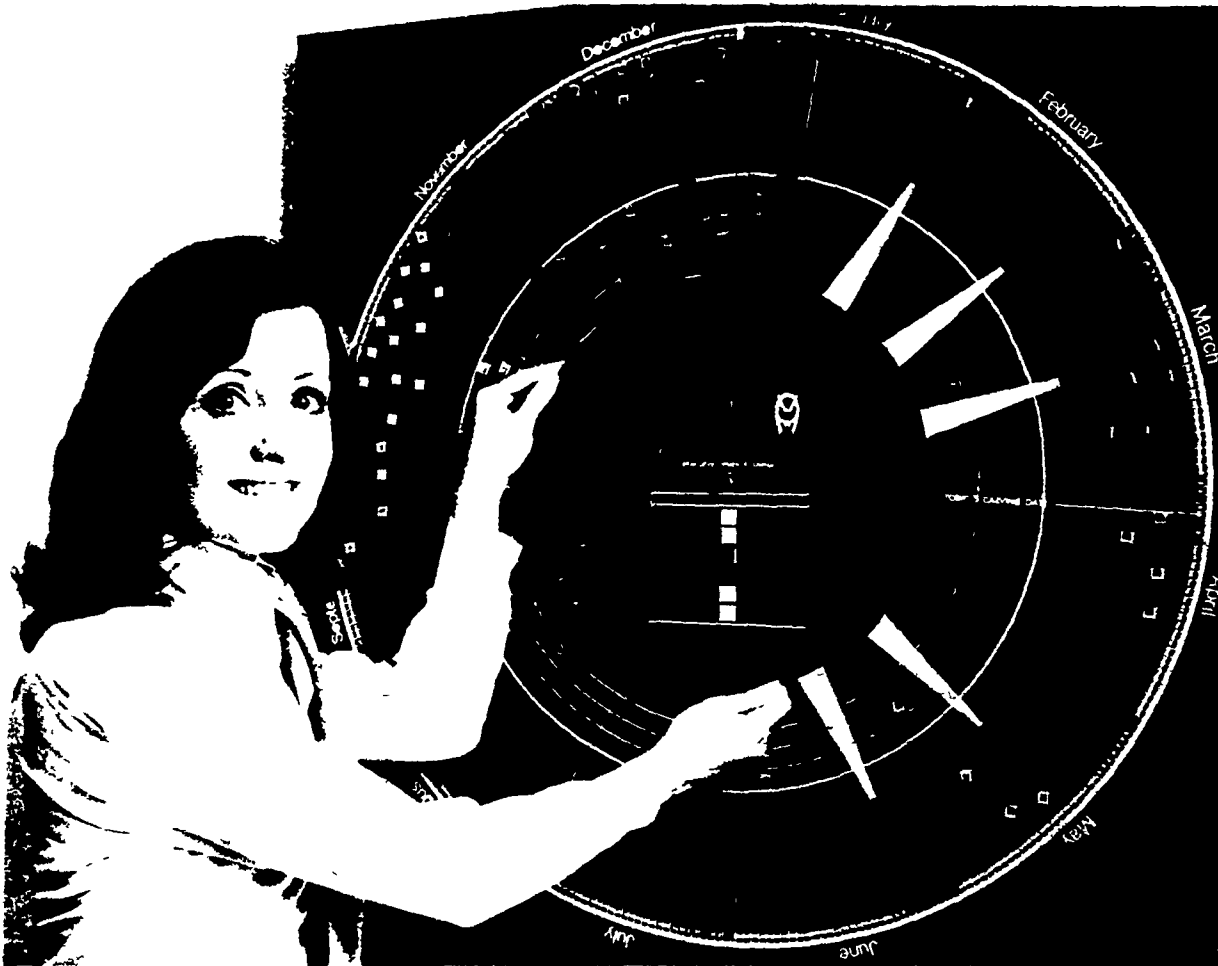
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