

Forage workshops scheduled

LANCASTER - Forage workshops, designed to provide indepth training for the progressive forage and livestock farmer, and farm related industry, have been slated for this month in two different locations, Lancaster and Kutztown.

The four-session workshop will be held at the Kutztown Grange Hall, Kutztown on February 20, 22, 27, and March 1. The Lancaster session will be held at the Farm and Home Center on February 21, 23, 28, and March 2. Both locations will have the same programs.

To gain a better understanding of forage crops and their role in Pennsylvania's livestock agriculture, all phases of forage farming will be considered - from planning the forage program through utilization for maximum profits. Each half day session is devoted to a particular area of work. Participants are encouraged to attend all phases of the workshop for this reason.

The Tuesday and Wednesday sessions (February 20 and 21) will begin with registration at 9 a.m. W.C. Templeton will kick off the session with "Forage Challenges in the Northeast". Southeastern Pennsylvania soils-forage production potentials and use in conservation farming along with using slush on forage land will be featured that morning. Soil fertility will be the main theme that afternoon. Included under this topic are soil tests, the role of lime in fertilizer and manure plant growth, and non-conventional soil additives.

The Thursday-Friday (February 22 and 23) session will concentrate on crop selection, establishment, production and management. "Use More Home Grown Forages in Your Livestock Enterprise" by W.K. Griffith and "Principles of Choosing Varieties and Mixtures and Establishing Forages" will be presented by J.E. Baylor, along with "No-till Seeding of Legume and Grasses", by W.L. McClellan, which will complete the morning session. "Legume and Grass Management Concepts"-J.B. Washko, "Diseases of Forage Crops-K.T. Leath and "How Far with Pastures in Pa."-J.E. Baylor, will conclude the day's workshop.

Tuesday and Wednesday (February 27 and 28) workshops will discuss forage pests during the morning. After lunch, the workshop will present forage mechanization and storage topics.

The Thursday and Friday (March 1 and 2) workshops, the last in the session, will deal with forage preservation and utilization. Topics will include silage, hay, and feeding forages efficiently. The workshop will wind-up with a session on animal health and forages presented by L.J. Hutchinson. This will be followed by a panel discussion "Putting the Pieces Together". The panel members are S.A. Dum and

leading local dairy and livestock farmers.

Penn State Agricultural Extension and resident staff members along with several other invited speakers will assist in conducting the sessions. A registration fee of \$15 to cover materials and other expenses, except lunches, will be collected from each person attending the workshop. Enrollment will be limited. To apply, send a check (made payable to the Pennsylvania Grassland Council) to: Mr. James F. Haldeman, County Extension Director, Berks County Agricultural Center, Leesport, Pa. 19533. Include which workshop you wish to attend, along with your name, address, county, occupation, employer, and date.

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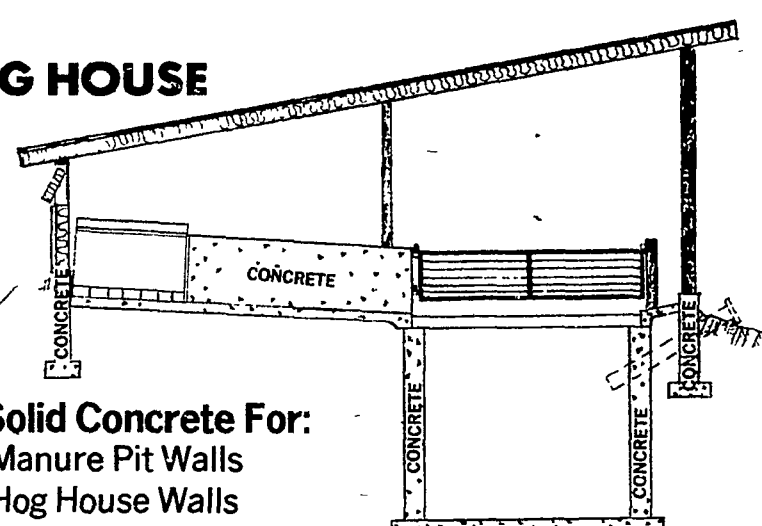
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