

Delaware ag field day scheduled for August 13

GEORGETOWN, Del — Plans are well underway for the 36th annual Farm and Home Field Day at the University of Delaware's Agricultural Substation near Georgetown.

This event, set for August 13, 1980, gives farmers and non-farmers alike a chance to observe what the University's Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service are doing for the people who live in Delaware.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. During the day, there will be special wagon and bus tours of corn, soybean, vegetable, and poultry projects around the Substation, as well as tours of the University swine facilities.

There will be a plant clinic where farmers and home gardeners can bring plant problems for diagnosis by a panel of experts. There will also be a consumer education program in the grove, emphasizing energy conservation and also the art of pepper pickling.

Some of the highlights of the crops projects that will be on view are variety testing, irrigation, tillage practices, fertility studies, chemical weed control, spacing studies, and disease control.

One field experiment begun this year by Agricultural Experiment Station researcher Donald L. Sparks will help farmers determine the rates of boron and potassium fertilizers needed to maximize corn yields under intense management situations.

involving irrigation and high plant populations.

Growers will also have a chance to take a look at Elf soybeans. According to researcher David L. Regehr, these Midwestern-bred beans are good for growing under center-pivot irrigation in high fertility situations (e.g. after several years of corn) without lodging.

Regehr is comparing Elf beans grown with and without irrigation, while researcher William F. Ritter and research associate Robert P. Eastburn are monitoring evapotranspiration to determine the amount of water use under both conditions.

At noon a traditional fried chicken luncheon will be served in the farm grove by members of the Delaware Poultry Improvement Association. Additional refreshments will be on sale throughout the day.

Field Day will also feature a number of educational exhibits of interest to farmers and consumers. The event will conclude at 3:30 p.m. with free watermelon for all those in attendance.

The Substation is located 6 miles west of Georgetown on the Laurel-Georgetown Highway (Route 9).

Schedule of Events

9:30 a.m. - Wagon tour of corn and soybean projects (approximately 1½ hours)

10:00 a.m. - Bus tours of entire Substation (bus tours run continuously — approximately 1 hour)

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Plant clinic for farmers and

home gardeners
*Consumer education program on energy savings and pickling peppers

Exhibits on display in grove area

10:15 a.m. - Wagon tour of vegetable projects (approximately 1½ hours)

10:30 a.m. - Wagon tour of vegetable projects (approximately 1½ hours)

Bus tour to swine facilities (approximately 1 hour)

11:00 a.m. - Consumer education program on energy savings and pickling peppers

NOON - Fried chicken luncheon served by Delaware Poultry Improvement Association

Refreshments by Sussex County 4-H leaders

1:15 p.m. - Welcome — Ed Ralph, Substation Director

Remarks and Introductions — Dr. Donald F. Crossan, Dean, College of Agriculture Sciences and Director, Agricultural Experiment Station

1:45 p.m. - Bus tours of entire Substation (bus tours run continuously — approximately 1 hour)

Wagon tour of corn and soybean projects (approximately 1½ hours)

Wagon tour of vegetable projects (approximately 1½ hours)

Plant clinic for farmers and home gardeners

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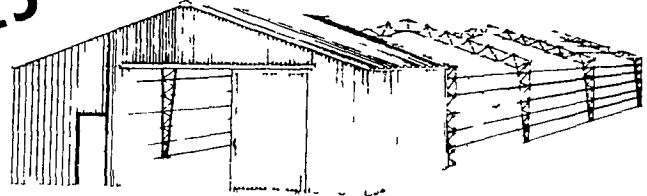
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Exhibits on display in grove area

3:30 p.m. - Watermelon

break *Consumers' program will be in the grove. No activities will be held in the meeting rooms located in the Substation office building

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