

Del. Vegetable Growers meet Jan. 14

NEWARK, Del. — The fourth annual Delaware Vegetable Grower's Meeting will be held Jan. 14-15 at the Sheraton Inn, Dover. As in the past, the Delaware Potato Grower's Association is meeting at the same time and sharing some sessions.

The meeting will start at 8:30 Thursday morning with registration, coffee and Danish, and a visit to trade exhibits. The formal part of the program starts at 9:30 a.m. and will feature a talk by Governor P.S. duPont IV on "Agriculture: A Critical Part of Delaware's Economy."

Other topics to be covered during the general session include "Understanding Credit and how to Make It Work for Your Vegetable Operation," by Bob Miller of the Maryland National Bank; and "The Perishable Agricultural Commodity Act and How It Can Serve You," by Jack Flanagan, P.A.C.A.-U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The afternoon program will be divided into two sections: a general vegetable session and a session for potato growers.

Topics to be covered during the general session include: greenhouses for vegetable plant production, sweet corn insect management, principles of disease control with fungicides, and growing ethnic vegetable crops. There will also be a drip irrigation grower's panel and a presentation on pea and bean seedling diseases and bacterial wilt of cucumbers.

The potato growers will hear reports on Delaware potato variety trials, new developments in Colorado potato beetle control, the potato market outlook, and

minor elements in Delaware soils affecting potato production.

Featured entertainment at the annual banquet Thursday night will be a demonstration by nationally known artist Helen Van Wyk of Rockport, Massachusetts. She has painted people from all walks of life including theater people, lawyers, doctors, industrialists, educators, diplomats, clergymen and farmers. At the

banquet, she will choose a model from the audience and begin to paint, while explaining the art of portrait painting.

The general session on Friday morning, Jan. 15, runs from 8:30 to noon. It will include an update on herbicides for peas, beans, cucurbits and strawberries, plus talks on bees and vegetable production, and designing your irrigation system. Several

presentations will deal with market opportunities for Delaware Vegetable Growers: pick-your-own, supplying the wholesaler, and customer profiles of U-pick and roadside stands. A Virginia vegetable grower will tell how young farmers can overcome marketing obstacles.

The day-and-a-half event is sponsored jointly by the Delaware Potato Growers Association, the

Delaware Vegetable Grower's Association, and the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service. There will be a registration fee of \$5 for those who are not association members. Banquet tickets cost \$15 per person.

For further information or banquet reservations, contact Kent County agricultural agent Ed Kee at 302/736-1448.

Franklin SCS helps 52 landowners solve conservation problems

CHAMBERSBURG — The Chambersburg field office of the Soil Conservation Service has developed conservation plans on about 4,900 acres of Franklin County land with 52 landowners in 1981.

"Any landowner who has problems with drainage, erosion, or needs assistance in determining land use, can request conservation planning assistance through the Franklin County Conservation District," explains John Akers, district conservationist. "These requests are referred to the Soil Conservation Service, and SCS personnel meet with the individual landowner to provide on-site assistance."

A conservation plan includes a soil survey map of the area and an outline of measures or practices that will solve the problem or help the landowner to use soil according to its capabilities.

Those landowners who have recently received planning

assistance are: Matthew Felmlee, Robert Johnson, and Samuel Crider, Metal Township; Ray Caracciolo and Wayne Treible, Fannett Township; Wilbur Burkholder, Greene Township;

Mt. Brook Orchards, St. Thomas Township; Clifford Hawbaker, Hamilton Township; and Garry Hepworth, Southampton Township.

Anyone desiring conservation

planning assistance for the next year should contact the Soil Conservation Service office in Franklin County at 550 Cleveland Avenue, Chambersburg, PA 17201, or telephone 717/264-7013.

Production of small grains up in 1981

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's 1981 wheat, oats and barley production was up over 1980, but production of rye was less, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Production of winter wheat was 9,720,000 bushels, five percent more than the 1980 crop. The 270,000 acres harvested was eight percent above a year ago. Yield per harvested acre was 36 bushels compared with 37 bushels a year earlier. Oats production, at 20,010,000 bushels, was up five percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested was 345,000 acres with an average yield of 58 bushels per acre.

Barley production in 1981 was 4,104,000 bushels, up nine percent from last year. Acreage harvested was 76,000 with average yield at 54 bushels per acre. Rye production was 363,000 bushels, down 16 percent from last year. Acreage harvested was 11,000 acres with an average of 33 bushels per acre.

Pennsylvania farmers have seeded 235,000 acres of winter wheat for the 1982 crop, down 16 percent from a year earlier. Winter wheat production for 1982 is forecast at 7,755,000 bushels, down 20 percent from 1981. Pennsylvania farmers seeded 60,000 acres of rye for all purposes in the fall of 1981,

up nine percent from the previous year.

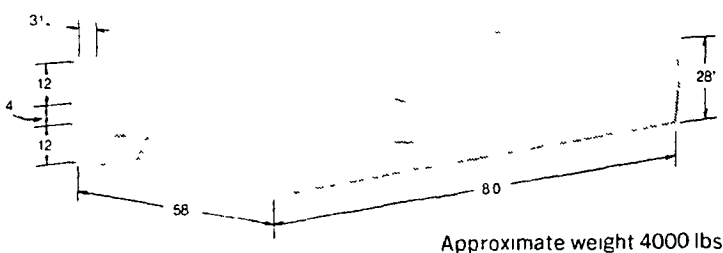
United States production of all small grains was up in 1981 compared with 1980. Production of winter wheat totaled 2.1 billion bushels, 11 percent more than last year's 1.9 billion bushels. United States oats production was 508.1 million bushels, 11 percent more than in 1980. Production of barley totaled 478.3 million bushels, up 33 percent from a year ago. U.S. rye production was 18.6 million bushels, up 13 percent from 1980.

Farmers in the U.S. seeded 66.3 million acres of winter wheat for the 1982 crop, one percent more than last year's 65.9 million acres.

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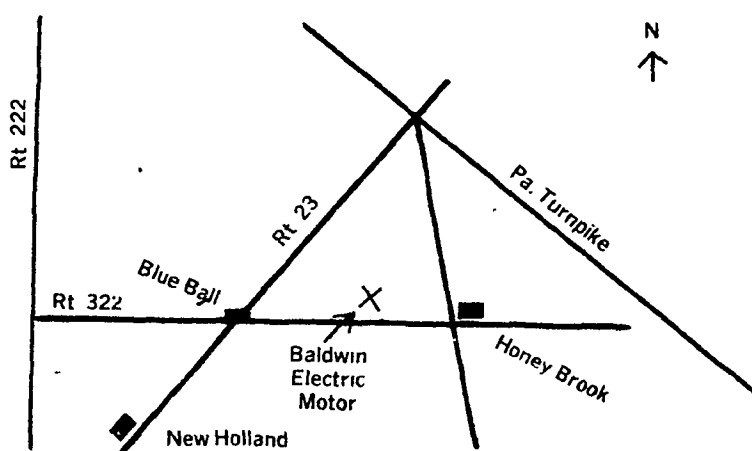
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