# Md. forage conference set Dec. 7

WESTMINSTER, Md. discussion of hay marketing by five area farmers and dealers will be among the highlights of the Central Maryland Forage Conference Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, Md.

John Myers, a Prince George's County hay dealer whose customers include many area horse breeders, and Frank Wilmot. a Montgomery County farmer who operates a solar hay dryer, will be among the five panelists.

The day-long conference is sponsored by the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and several agribusiness firms and will feature both an educational program and commercial displays.

More than 20 agribusiness firms, including chemical, seed and equipment dealers, will have exhibits at the conference. Several of the machinery exhibitors are

expected to have large equipment on display outside the building in which the conference will be held.

The educational program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a showing of "Hay Today". Following the film, Jack Crane, director of engineering, research and development for Sperry-New Holland, will discuss the latest innovations in forage handling equipment.

At 10:40 a.m., Morris Decker, an Extension forage specialist at the University of Maryland, will outline recommendations for a winter grazing program. In the last few years, Decker has been able to graze cattle into March on tall fescue-red clover pasture at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Following Decker, John Baylor, a former Extension specialist at Penn State University, will discuss a program for maximizing alfalfa yields. Baylor, who currently

serves as a consultant for the Beachley-Hardy Seed Company, helped organize the Pennsylvania Forage and Grasslands Council. For many years, he conducted that state's alfalfa yield contest.

After lunch, the program will resume at 1 p.m. with a brief talk by Les Vough, another Extension forage specialist at the University of Maryland, outlining the organization and goals of the newly Maryland-Delaware formed Forage Council.

Then, Ken Evans, an Extension agronomist at the University of Kentucky, will discuss making silage in a bale. The relatively new practice reportedly reduces storage losses and allows farmers to bale at higher moisture levels.

The hay marketing panel will conclude the program, scheduled to end by 3 p.m.

An admission ticket, which costs \$5, includes lunch, which will be served at the Ag. Center. Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, Dec. 1. Call your local Extension Office for details.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. on the day of the conference. Free coffee and donuts will be available.



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as the major emphasis of study.

Notification of the availability of the scholarship is being sent to the Administrators of the secondary schools in the five county area. We also intend to reach as many of the private schools in the area as possible; the scholarship is not limited to the public school system. Anyone whose educational institution was not contacted should not consider himself or herself excluded from requesting an application form. They are encouraged to contact the Southeast Farm Credit Associations, Administrative Offices, P.O. Box 514, West Chester, Pa. 19380 or telephone (215) 431-1257.

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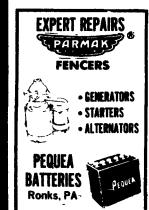


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