Pa. vegetable conference opens Jan. 31

HERSHEY — The 1984 Pennsylvania Vegetable Conference – a jam-packed three-day program that includes just about everything the fruit and vegetable grower wants to know – will open on Tuesday, Jan. 31, and continue through Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Hershey Convention Center.

The conference is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, Penn State's College of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Food Processors Association in cooperation with the State Horticulture Association of Pennsylvania.

The conference program includes:

Tuesday, Jan. 31 Morning Program

9 a.m. - Fresh Market Tomato Variety Update, Peter Ferretti, Horticulture Dept., Penn State.

9:45 a.m. - Disease Control, Alan A. McNab, Plant Pathology, Penn State.

10:15 a.m. - Industry show and tell.

10:25 a.m. – Weed control in Tomatoes, Brad Majek, Extension Weed Specialist, Rutgers University.

PDA-sponsored Tomato and Sweet Corn Nutrition Experiments, C. B. Smith, Horticulture Dept., Penn State.

Update on Pa. Vegetable Check-Off System, Dave Giese, chairman, Pa. Vegetable Advisory Board.

Noon - Tomato awards luncheon.

Afternoon Program

1:30 p.m. – Liquid fertilizer, Eugene B. Wright, chemical engineer, TVA, Muscle Shoals, Al. 2:15 p.m. –Band spraying of insecticides and fungicides – Don Daum, Ag Engineering, Penn State.

2:35 p.m. - Fluid drilling of

vegetable seeds - Michael Orzolek.

3:05 p.m. – Industry Show and Tell.

3:10 p.m. -- Fall army worm and first brood European Corn Borer'in sweet corn, Gerald Ghidiu, Extension entomology specialist, Rutgers University.

3:45 p.m. -- Non-isolated supersweet corn varieties, Charles Boyer, Horticulture Department, Penn State.

4:15 p.m. – Questions from audience.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Morning Program 8:45 .a.m. – Highlites on new vegetable varieties, Peter Ferretti.

9:25 a.m. – Microelements for cole crops in Pa., E. L. Bergman, Horticulture Dept., Penn State. 9:45 a.m. – Industry show and

tell. 9:50 a.m. – Minor crops for Pa.: asparagus, garlıc, horseradish, Jersualem artichokes, parsnips, rhubarb, panel discussion by Lawrence Yager, Bergman, Ferretti and Orzolek.

10:50 a.m. - Ozone damage to vegetable crops, Eva Pell, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Penn State.

11:25 a.m. - Industry show and tell.

Noon - Vegetable Luncheon of Pa. Vegetable Growers Association, speaker, Dr. S. Smith, Dean of College of Agriculture at Penn State.

Afternoon Program

1:45 p.m. – Energy conservation and insect and disease control for better greenhouse vegetable production, W. Bauerle, Horticulture Department, Wooster, Ohio.

2:40 p.m. - Industry Show and Tell.

2:45 p.m. – Automatic nutrition for hydroponic systems, E. L. Bergman.

3:10 p.m. – Extension Update by Penn State Extension specialists.

4:30 p.m. – Pa. Vegetable Growers Association Annual Business Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 2 Morning Program

9:05 a.m. – Red raspberry production and marketing, Harry Swartz, University of Md.

9:35 a.m. – Designs for trickle Irrigation of small fruits, David S. Ross, University of Md.

10:05 a.m. - Industry show and tell.

Small fruit production in Kent, England, Ms. Marion Nicoll, student at University of Md.

10:30 a.m. - Industry show and tell.

10:35 a.m. – Strawberry plant responses to irrigation, Edward Kee, University of Del.

11:05 a.m. – Strawberry disease control, Michael Ellis, Wooster, Ohio.

11:35 a.m. – Questions from audience.

Afternoon Program

1:35 p.m. – Blueberry variety update, Ray Samulis, Burlington County, N.J. Extension Agent.

2:05 p.m. - Industry show and tell.

2:10 p.m. – Small fruit round table discussion, moderated by Gene Galletta, of USDA, Beltsville, Md. and includes morning speakers.

N.J. Farmers' Week to open

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — "The Newest Farm Implement...A Computer" will be the topic of the General Session of the 1984 New Jersey Farmers' Week, which opens today. The program, to be presented by county agricultural agents and specialists from the Cooperative Extension Service, Cook College, Rutgers University, highlights the state's agricultural convention.

The ag convention program on computers is set for Tuesday, 8:45 a.m. to noon, at the Cherry Hill Inn. Topics include discussions of uses, information management, crop management by computer, and tips on shopping for a computer system.

Computer hardware and software exhibits will be in place at the Inn on the afternoon of the 24th and all day on the 25th. Commercial representatives will be available to discuss their equipment and programs.

Farmers are urged to attend and to bring along members of the family involved in the bookkeeping on the farm. No admission or registration fee.

There are many activities of Farmers Week that should be of interest: the N.J. Marketing Institute on Wednesday, the Dairy Interests Day Luncheon on Thursday, the state-wide dairy goat luncheon and program on Saturday Detailed schedules are available in the Hunterdon County Extension Service office, Extension Center, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington. Not all activities are held at the Cherry Hill Inn. Locations include Ryland Inn, Whitehouses; Charlie's Other Brother, Mt. Holly; the Hilton at Princeton Jct. Be sure to check location and if tickets are required.

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