## Irrigation sessions set

LANCASTER - A conference on irrigation management for a wide range of commercial crops grown in the Mid-Atlantic area will be held Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, Feb. 28-29, at the Treadway Inn in Lancaster. The event is being sponsored by

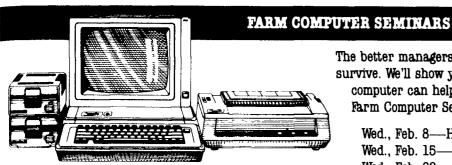
the Cooperative Extension services of Delaware, Maryland, Rutgers and Pennsylvania State universities and the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service (NRAES). Registration will cost \$50 prepaid, or \$60 at the conference.

Tuesday's program will start at 1 p.m. and focus on water management-when to turn the water on and when to turn if off. The following topics will be discussed: soil and water application rates; tensiometers-the state of the art; irrigation scheduling using weather date; interaction of water stress and

insect damage in potatoes; canopy-air temperature differences for irrigation scheduling; stem diameter measurements and water stress in plants; and water management for frost protection. Following dinner, conference participants will be able to attend an exhibit of water management

and drip irrigation equipment.

Wednesday morning's program will feature aspects of trickle irrigation including: trickle irrigation basics; trickle irrigation and water quality; drip irrigation for fruits, vegetables and or-chards; and chemigation in drip irrigation systems.



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