Chesapeake symposium

on Sept. 14-15

Chesapeake Bay symposium scheduled for Sept. 14-15 will be of value to everyone, according to Sharon Fenton of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

The first day's activities will take place at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. In addition to a general session, featuring several keynote speakers including U.S. Congressman Royden P. Dyson and Maryland State Delegate Samuel Q. Johnson, four workshop sessions will be offered. Workshop number one is oriented toward farm landdowners and workshop number two toward small landowners, homeowners and Bay users. The third workshop session relates to the financing of conservation practices and sources of technical assistance. The last workshop will outline the soil conservation district approach to the clean Bay initiative.

Workshops are arranged so that participants can attendd at least two of the four.

Mrs. Fenton will present information on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Water Quality Cost-Share Program, which she administers, during workshop number three. Under this program matching funds are made available to farm operators, who qualify, for the purpose of installing approved best management practices designed to control non-point source water pollution problems.

Applications for these funds are made through the local soil conservation districts. If approved by MDA, applicants could receive up to 87 ½ percent of eligible cost not to exceed \$5,000 per project or \$25,000 per farm.

The second day of the symposium will be devoted to tours. Two tours are planned. Both will leave from the Wye Research Center. One tour will highlight the agricultural and forestry best management practices needed to clean up the Bay. The other will highlight shore-line stabilization by vegetative means. In the afternoon, participants will tour the Wye Research Center to learn about on-going water quality research.

The symposium is sponsored by the Maryland Eastern Shore Resource Conservation and Development Chesapeake College.

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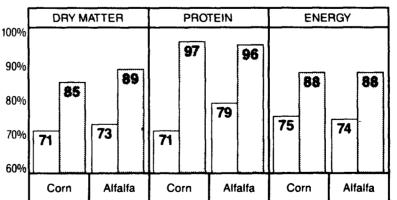
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