

U. of Md. heads Caribbean ag project

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of Maryland at College Park has been awarded the lead campus role in a four-year, \$2 million Caribbean technical assistance program for small farmers in the West Indies. Funding is being provided by the Agency for International Development in the U.S. Department of State.

Improving income and living conditions for small-farm families in nine tiny Windward and Leeward island nations through increased employment and agricultural production is a major project goal, according to John R. Moore, assistant provost for in-

ternational programs in the university's Division of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Project leaders will include John T. Rowntree, a new College Park faculty member assisting Moore in the Office of International Programs. Rowntree will be home campus coordinator and serve as the project's technical director.

Marcus D. Ingle, an agricultural and life sciences research associate and coordinator for the university's International Development Management Center, will be a management consultant.

Other University of Maryland

faculty members will participate as short-term consultants in a number of subject areas — including farming systems analysis, integrated pest management, agronomy and horticulture.

Robert D. Hart of Winrock International near Little Rock, Ark., a farming systems research specialist, is the chief of party and team leader. Hart is now based in the Windward island nation of St. Lucia. He will be working with Calixte George, the project manager, and Samaunbar Parasram, deputy executive director of the Caribbean Agricultural Research and

Development institute.

Eastern Caribbean island nations involved in the project include St. Vincent, the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Dominica, Antigua, St. Christopher-Nevis, Montserrat and Grenada. Barbados will be a participant in certain crop and livestock programs. All are English-speaking former British or French territories.

The project is intended to help the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute establish an effective farming systems program which will be responsive to the needs of small commercial farms and aid in their growth. Technical assistance will help to generate agricultural technology, provide extension educational services to small farmers, and strengthen the in-

stitute's research capabilities.

Administering the CARDI project is the South-East Consortium for International Development, a nonprofit group of 34 academic and research organizations in southern and eastern regions of the United States, which manages aid projects in developing countries.

Cooperating with the University of Maryland in providing technical advice and assistance to CARDI are representatives from Clemson University, Virginia Tech, Southern University and Winrock International.

John King and Arnold Dennis from Chapel Hill, N.C., are coordinating administrative aspects of the project. They are administrators with the South-East Consortium for International Development.

Wheat, livestock survey to begin

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service soon begins its annual survey to measure wheat prospects and livestock numbers in the state. This data will be valuable to Pennsylvania farmers as they decide whether to enroll in the 1985 wheat program and evaluate anticipated changes in other farming operations.

According to Wally Evans, chief statistician of the PCLRS, a small sample of farmers in Pennsylvania and in states across the county has been selected and will be contacted during late November or early December to help with this major survey effort.

Evaluation of the dairy diversion program, which was implemented to reduce milk surpluses, and many other programs depend greatly on data gathered during this survey. Decisions concerning

the 1985 Farm Bill will also rely on results from this survey.

Survey results will be available on December 20, 1984 for wheat and hogs; on December 21 for poultry; on January 25, 1985 for

sheep; and January 30 for cattle. These reports will be available from the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

N.J. has FFA winners

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A number of FFA members from chapters in New Jersey will be participating in various activities at next week's national convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Contest participants include:

Ag mechanics — Dave Zavacky, Don Mathews and Wayne Davis of Northern Burlington. Advisor is Mike Hlubik.

Floriculture — Laura Lettenmaier, Eileen Menard and Bill Granfield, of North Hunterdon. Advisor is Steve Lazorchak.

Dairy Cattle Judging — Yvette Francisco, April DeGeorge and Jeanee Currant, of Newton. Advisor is Mike Ridge.

Livestock Judging — Jesse Heller, Rich Reidmiller and Jodi Matuszewicz, of Belvidere. Advisor is Bryan Leh.

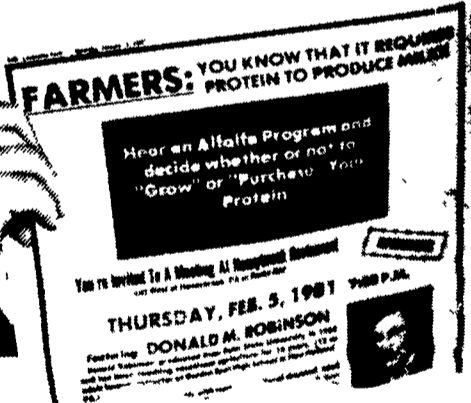
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