

Delaware Extension honors three educators, scientists

NEWARK, Del. — University of Delaware soil scientist Leo Cotnoir has received the Friend of Extension award for his untiring support of extension programs over the past 30 years. The award was announced during the recent annual conference of the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service in Rehoboth Beach. Cotnoir is director of the university's soil science laboratory.

In presenting the award, ex-

ension director Dr. Richard Fowler noted that Cotnoir has supported extension crop and garden programs so willingly for so long that some agents and specialists he works with have been surprised to learn this was a strictly voluntary commitment.

For a number of years Cotnoir was the guiding force behind a series of soils-related workshops for extension personnel. And he played a leading role in assembling research data and updating

the university's fertilizer recommendations in order to help financially hard-pressed farmers reduce production costs. He is presently a member of the College of Agricultural Sciences' Soybean Task Force, a joint research/extension effort aimed at identifying key yield limiting factors for this crop in Delaware.

Also at the Rehoboth conference, two extension professionals — entomologist Mark Graustein and urban home economist Mary Alice Morris — received Outstanding Program Accomplishment awards.

Since 1980 Morris, who works out of Delaware State College but is stationed in Wilmington, has established a wide range of educational programs designed to meet the needs of urban residents. Her clients include inmates of the women's prison, handicapped adults in the city's Independent Living Program, patients at the Mental Health Day Center and 18-year-old foster children from the Division of Social Services who are setting up housekeeping on their own.

Because many of those she works with are financially hard pressed, Morris has developed a budget counseling program. She also works closely with the Human Services Information Exchange, a support network for human service workers in Wilmington which is cosponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service and United Way.

Graustein was recognized for the successful pest management programs he developed during his ten-year tenure as pest management specialist and which he now helps implement as extension entomologist.

Combining the research findings of entomologists at the University of Delaware Agricultural Experiment Station with practical information generated in his own field trials, Graustein developed programs which farmers can use

to control the Colorado potato beetle, European corn borer, wheat sawfly, slugs and other insects. By knowing what pests to look for, when and where, farmers have prevented thousands of dollars worth of crop damage. By knowing when to apply or withhold pesticides, they have saved even more money.

To get this information to producers, Graustein used conventional methods such as field demonstrations, farm visits, meetings, fact sheets and news releases. In addition, to speed the delivery of field survey results and

other pest activity data during the growing season, he established a "Pest Hotline" with an 800 number which can be reached night or day."

At the extension conference it is also customary to recognize the employee who provides essential support services for extension professionals. This year the Outstanding Staff award went to Sussex County senior secretary Mabel Hough.

The awards program is sponsored by the Delaware chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, the national honorary extension fraternity.

Farm Show information numbers now open

HARRISBURG — "How can we be sure to see what we want at Farm Show? We can only take off one day to attend;" "What events are held in the evenings during Farm Show?" and "When are the big draft horses judged?" These are just a few of the thousands of questions asked each year of Farm Show and state Agriculture Department staff as the annual event draws near.

With the 69th annual Farm Show set for Jan. 13-18, the State Farm Show commission is using several special telephone lines to provide answers to these and other questions about the event, according to state Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell.

"With dozens of special events, hundreds of commercial exhibitors and thousands of prize livestock, poultry and farm product entries, it's easy to see that visitors to the 14-acre complex for the Farm Show can be overwhelmed," Hallowell said. He said requests

for information should be made through several phone numbers depending on the type of information needed.

General information on the Farm Show and Farm Show Week events is available by dialing (717) 787-5373 or (717) 787-5085.

Information concerning Livestock Events at Farm Show is available by dialing (717) 787-2902 or 787-2903.

A schedule of upcoming events at the Farm Show Complex through early 1985 can be obtained by dialing a 24-hour information line at (717) 783-3071.

Exhibitors wishing to secure space at upcoming shows or to schedule events at the Complex should call the Farm Show's main office at (717) 787-5373.

Hallowell also noted that a calendar of events to be held at the Farm Show Complex can be obtained by contacting the Farm Show Commission Office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gov't to add wheat to overseas donations

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has stated that wheat will be added to the dairy commodities already available under the Overseas Donations Program authorized by Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949.

Commodities under this program are available for donation to foreign governments and to public and private non-

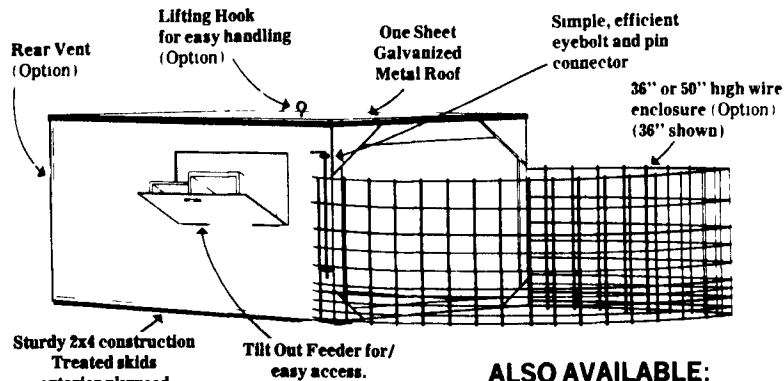
profit humanitarian organizations assisting needy persons outside the United States. Block said these commodities are made available indefinitely and will not replace normal commercial trade in the respective commodities.

Dairy commodities available under the program continue to be non-fat dry milk, butter, butter oil and cheese.



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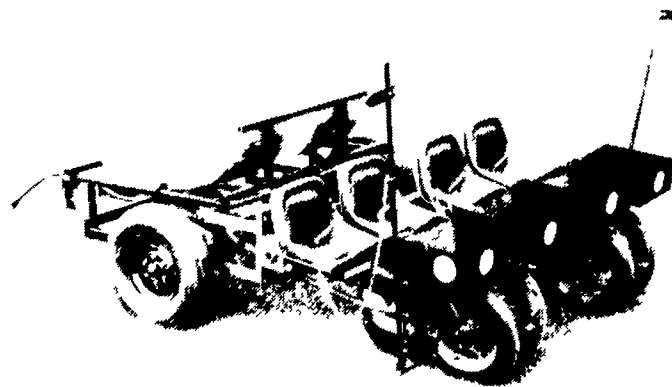
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