

Agronomy Meeting Scheduled In Delaware

NEWARK, Del. — Agronomists and soil scientists from Maine to West Virginia will gather at the University of Delaware's Clayton Hall conference center in Newark, July 21 to 23, for the meeting of the Northeastern branch of the American Society of Agronomy.

The program will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, July 21, with a symposium on "Building a Stronger Agriculture in a Quality Environment." Topics to be covered during this session include public attitudes about agriculture and the environment; management of

fertilizers and manures for crop production and environmental quality; pesticide impacts on water quality; and the conversion of urban wastes to resources without polluting the environment. The Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions will be devoted to technical paper presentations.

Conference participants can also sign up for a number of special tours. The tour schedule is as follows:

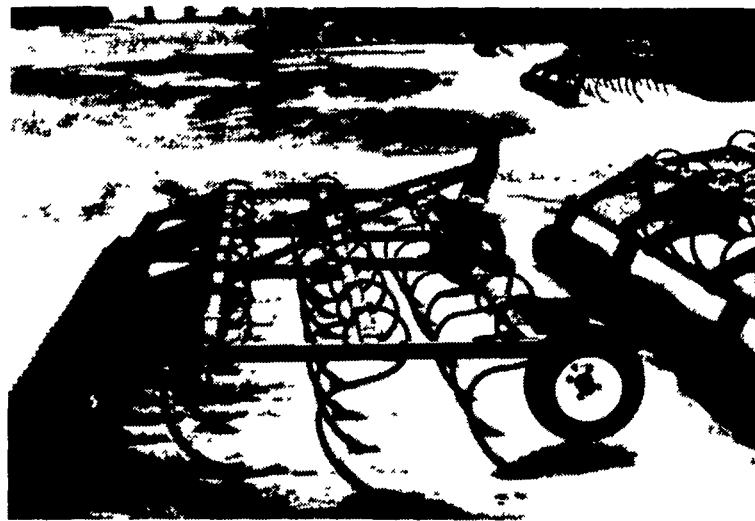
Monday, July 21

A tour of the Stine Laboratory and the DuPont Experimental Station, and a soils tour focusing on Delaware's most productive soils.

Tuesday, July 22

A crops tour featuring ongoing alfalfa and pasture research at Delaware State College, the state's largest greenhouse operation, and a vegetable and cash grain farming operation; and a tour of the Delaware Solid Waste Authority.

For further information, contact Dr. J. Thomas Sims, department of plant science, University of Delaware (451-2531).



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Since its inception in 1978, PPAB has shared its production expertise with students from the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School. Veterinary students go through the unit on a two-week rotation to gain hands-on production experience with Ron Butt, manager at P.P.A.B. for the last five years.

Butt feels there is a strong correlation between healthy and productive breeding stock. Using PIC Line 24 boars and Cam-borough gilts produced in a closed herd system, Ron and his assistant, Nelson Horst, produced 10,127 feeder pigs in 1985.

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