

# Annual Forage Conference To Focus On Profitability

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA — The 1986 annual Forage Conference, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council in cooperation with The Pennsylvania State University, will take place on Nov. 25 at the Keller Conference Center at Penn State.

The conference, which begins with registration at 9 a.m., and continues until 3:30 p.m., will focus on the role of forages in dairy profitability.

Dairy nutritionist Dr. Neal Jorgenson, associate dean and director of the Wisconsin Agriculture Experiment Station, will deliver the keynote address. He will cover the newer concepts in forage quality with emphasis on the use of fiber analysis such as neutral detergent fiber (NDF), and acid detergent fiber (ADF). He will also describe how Wisconsin has used forage quality analysis in setting up hay auctions.

Dr. Richard Adams, Penn State dairy extension specialist, will speak on formulating a sound nutrition program. Dr. Adams, a dairy specialist at Penn State since 1954, was instrumental in the development of the Penn State

forage testing and feed programming service.

Dr. Ann Wolf, manager of Merkle Laboratory at Penn State, will describe the lab's forage testing options and ration programming. The lab is one of the few in the nation especially designed for mass processing and

analyzing soil and forage materials.

The afternoon program will feature a panel of dairy farmers who will discuss managing resources to maximize returns. Dr. Sidney Bosworth will be panel moderator. Dr. Bosworth, an extension agronomist at Penn

State, develops and conducts extension forage crop programs.

The two final presentations will be "evaluating crop rotations," by Mr. William Waters, and "to buy or to grow your own?" by Dr. Joseph Hlubik. Mr. Waters is a farm management specialist with Penn State, and Dr. Hlubik is a Penn State dairy extension

specialist.

Reservations for the conference are encouraged, but are not necessary in order to attend. A \$10 fee includes lunch.

Those interested should contact Sidney Bosworth, 106 Ag. Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802, or should contact their county extension offices.

## Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference Set

The 13th Annual Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, a forum for the discussion and promotion of no-till agriculture, will be held Wednesday, December 17th, at the York County Fairgrounds, York, Pennsylvania. This year's conference is entitled, "No-Tillage: The Key To Profitable Farming." The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Earl Butz, who served as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from 1971 to 1976. His topic will be "There Is Still A Rainbow in Agriculture."

Before being named Secretary of Agriculture by President Richard M. Nixon, Dr. Butz served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture during the Eisenhower Ad-

ministration and as Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University. He is a recipient of the American Farm Bureau Federation Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture.

The morning session of the conference is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. with Lynn D. Hoffman, Extension Agronomist at Penn State, presiding. Speakers will include specialists from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Spraying Systems, Inc., of Wheaton, Illinois; the University of Maryland and The Pennsylvania State University.

Specific topics specialists will address diseases of corn, creating the proper environment for no-till

forage, sprayer technology and weed control programs, as well as the economics involved in no-till agriculture.

The morning session will conclude with a farmer's panel discussion. Speakers from Taneytown, Maryland, Mercersburg and Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, will discuss additional concerns associated with no-till farming.

The afternoon program will give conference participants the opportunity to visit commercial exhibits from 1 to 4 p.m. Another panel discussion, "Quiz the Experts," will be held during this session so that the specialists can

respond to questions concerning conference topics.

Contact your County Extension Service for conference and lunch tickets and more program information. Tickets also are available through the Departments of Agronomy at Penn State and the University of Maryland.

The conference is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Services of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and related agribusiness firms.

Local farmers should also be aware that the Penn-Jersey Tillage Conference will be held on February 17, 1987, at Stabler Arena, Lehigh University.

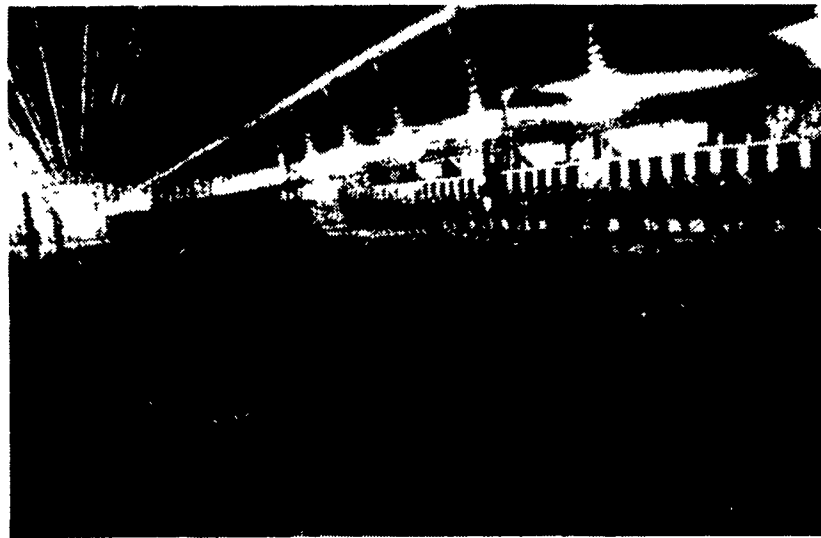
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