

Del. Field Day To Highlight Poultry Manure Management

NEWARK, Del.—A comprehensive survey of poultry manure management methods including collection, storage, nutrient sampling and crop application will be part of Farm and Home Field Day, Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the University of Delaware Research and Education Center near Georgetown.

"We expect to present the total picture in about two hours," says Dan Palmer, extension poultry specialist and coordinator of this event. "In addition, Sussex County farmers who attend the sessions

from 10 a.m. to noon will meet the educational requirements needed to apply for a poultry-manure barn, cost-share program."

A representative from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will be present at Field Day to discuss this cost-share plan, which requires a sign-off by Delaware Cooperative Extension.

The poultry manure management program will begin at 10 a.m. with an introduction by J. Ross Harris Jr., extension specialist on environmental quality. A 20-minute

slide presentation of the effects of poultry manure on irrigated corn will then be presented by soil scientist Dr. J. Thomas Sims, director of the university's soil laboratory. Mark Isaacs, university crop research associate, will then present a brief slide show on the effects of poultry manure on winter wheat.

Harris will give the final slide presentation from 10:40 a.m. to 11 a.m. His subject will be the MANURE program. The title is an acronym for "Managing Agricultural Nutrients and Utilizing Resources Effectively."

An outdoor tour will follow the slide presentations. Participants can visit six demonstration plots in which irrigated corn was treated with different amounts of poultry manure, both alone and in combination with commercial fertilizers.

Proper poultry manure storage methods will be demonstrated next. Participants will learn how to

stack and shape a manure pile and how to cover it properly. Isaacs will then show how to sample the piles for nitrogen and other nutrients to determine the necessary application rates.

The program will end with a demonstration of proper spreader calibration from 11:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

In addition to the formal program, field day participants will be

able to visit an equipment exhibit featuring several different types of manure spreaders, "cake" removal machines and loaders.

Farm and Home Field Day begins at 8:30 a.m. and will feature other tours and programs of interest to grain, vegetable and pork products as well as to consumers and home gardeners. The half-day event will conclude with a catered lunch in the farm grove.

Washington Co. Lists Steer Results

The Washington County Open Jackpot Steer Show was held on June 27, with 61 entrants. The Show continues to grow each year. Following is a list of class winners. Cash prizes given were \$250 for grand champion, \$100 for reserve champion and \$25 for each class winner.

• Class 1- Gregg Wilson, McClellandtown PA
• Class 2- Tim Rohaley,

Washington PA

• Class 3- Ken Bell, Terra Alta WVA

• Class 4- Chris Donaldson, Melcroft PA

• Class 5- Heath Lilley, Donegal PA

• Class 6- Ken Donaldson, Melcroft PA, **Grand Champion**; Roy Shearer, Avonmore PA, **Reserve Champion**.

» Class 7- Raquelle Fava, Scenery Hill PA

• Class 8- Debbie Parks, New Concord OH

• Class 9- Jim Shaffer, New Salem PA

• Class 10- Ron Parks, New Concord OH

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