

Conservation Tillage Event Replaces No-Till Conference

YORK — After 14 years, the annual Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference has a new look and a new name. It's now the Mid-Atlantic Conservation Tillage Conference. The name change represents an effort to present a broader scope of information for crop farmers in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

As in past years, the event is being sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service at land-grant universities in the participating states, with assistance from interested agribusiness representatives.

This year's one-day educational meeting and industry display is scheduled for December 14th at the York Fairgrounds in York, PA. More than 800 persons from the six-state area are expected to attend.

Activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with free coffee and doughnuts, plus an opportunity to visit more than 50 industry exhibits in

Memorial Hall at the fairground.

The educational program will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the same building, with 1 1/2 hours off for lunch in Old Main and another chance to visit industry displays in Memorial Hall.

Tickets for the noon lunch are available from the Carroll County Extension Office as well as other county offices of the Cooperative Extension Service for a cost of \$3.00. They must be purchased in advance, and not later than December 2nd.

Two nationally known farm magazine writers will highlight the roster of speakers for this year's Mid-Atlantic Conservation Tillage Conference.

Len Richardson, editor of Agri-chemical Age, a San Francisco, Calif.-based trade publication, will lead off the morning session with a presentation on "How Water Quality Issues Are Shaping Your Future".

Currently a resident of Danville, Calif., Richardson grew up on an

Arizona dairy farm and served as that state's FFA president. He later was an associate editor of The National Future Farmer magazine.

Dr. John F. Marten of West Lafayette, Ind., will lead off the afternoon session as keynote speaker of the day. Dr. Marten's topic will concern "Farm Production, Prices and Politics in 1989". Marten is an agricultural consultant to several organizations and staff economist for Farm Journal magazine.

A native of central Illinois, Dr. Marten holds degrees in agricultural economics from Iowa State and Purdue universities. He was a popular speaker during the Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference in 1985 at the Maryland state fairground.

Other topics and speakers scheduled for the December 14th meeting at York, PA., include:

"Conservation Tillage and Groundwater Quality"- Dr. Richard A. Weismiller, Extension Agronomist at the University of

Maryland.

"Progress on Genetic Engineering to Achieve Roundup Tolerance in Crops"- Dr. Robert T. Fraley, Director, Plant Science Technology, Monsanto Agricultural Company.

"Improving Nutrient Efficiency With No-Tillage"- Dr. V. Allan Bandel, Extension Agronomist, University of Maryland.

"Tillage Alternatives"- Dr.

Richard R. Johnson, Senior Agronomist, Deere and Co. Technical Center, Moline, Illinois, and Lynn D. Hoffman, Agronomy Research Center Superintendent, Penn State University.

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PFA Urges For Prompt Payment To Egg Producers

CAMP HILL (Dauphin) — The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) is urging a House subcommittee to report out legislation requiring prompt payment to egg producers and increased protection in instances of buyer bankruptcies.

PFA expressed its support for H.R. 5086, the Egg Producers Financial Protection Act of 1988, in a statement presented to the U.S.

House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry, which is meeting today in Washington, D.C. to consider the bill.

PFA, a statewide general farm organization representing over 23,600 families, said the legislation is much needed and long overdue. "Recent consolidation trends combined with historical slow payment practices make it increasingly difficult for egg producers to bargain for prompt payment and payment security," PFA stated.

The legislation, which was sponsored by subcommittee chairman Rep. Charles Stenholm (D - Texas) and Pennsylvania congressman Rep. George Gekas (R - 17th Dist.), would extend Packers and Stockyards Act protection to egg producers. It would require egg sellers to be paid within 14 days of delivery and would also require buyers to establish a trust fund for sellers in case of bankruptcy or nonpayment. Packers and Stockyards provisions were enacted in 1921 for the livestock industry and were extended to poultry meat producers last year.

PFA is urging prompt passage of H.R. 5086.

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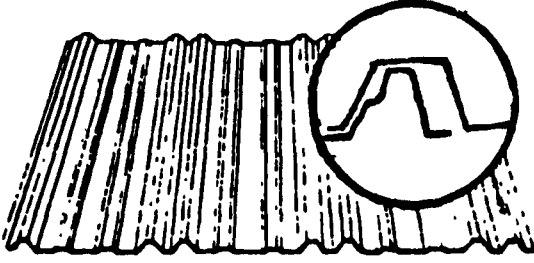
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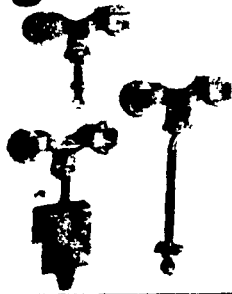
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