

Field Day Focuses On Water Quality

COLLEGE PARK, MD. — How do you respond to the growing concern about water quality and still maintain an economic edge in your farming operation? If you've been wondering what your options are and how they could affect your bottom line, come to the Indiantown Farm Field Day, Tuesday, October 24, in Queen

Anne's County. The field day will feature wagon tours, exhibits and an open-pit beef barbeque. It is sponsored by the University of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service (CES). The program will include an explanation by Denise Clearwater

with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources of how the new Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act could affect your operation, and a presentation of Extension's new nutrient management service for farmers by CES nutrient management specialist Mitchell Woodward. Lynn Shuylar of the Environmental Protection Agency will

give a progress report on our efforts to clean up the Bay. Other tour stops will focus on:

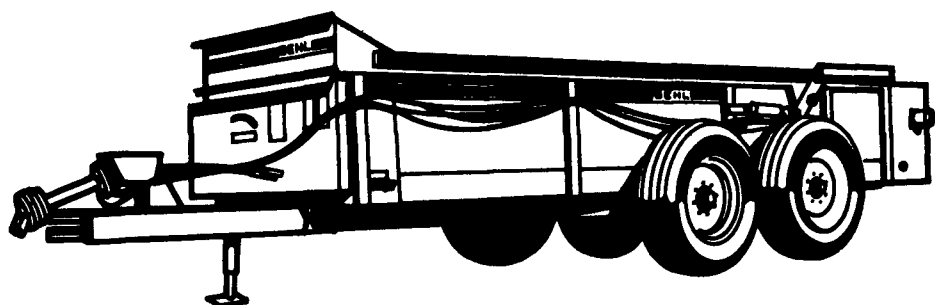
- * measuring the impact of agriculture on ground and surface water at Indiantown,
- * the economics of employing Best Management Practices,
- * using cover crops as a nitrogen management tool,
- * the influence of buffer strips on water quality,
- * new options in the Conservation Reserve Program and an update on cost-share programs.

Richard A. Weismiller, CES soil and water resources management specialist. Indiantown is a 343-acre cash grain operation owned by the Wood family and operated by Buck Farms, Inc. Since 1984, it also has been a demonstration farm developed by the University of Maryland with funds from the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Chesapeake Bay Initiatives program.

The field day will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Registration for the event is \$5 and must be received by October 17. Contact James Wood at 301/827-8056 for more information.

Located on gently rolling hills near the Chester River, the Indiantown Farm is a logical setting for a field day focusing on water quality issues, according to Dr.

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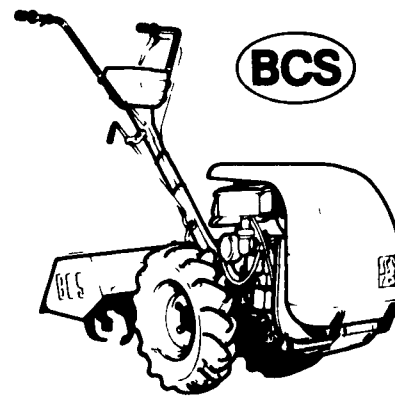
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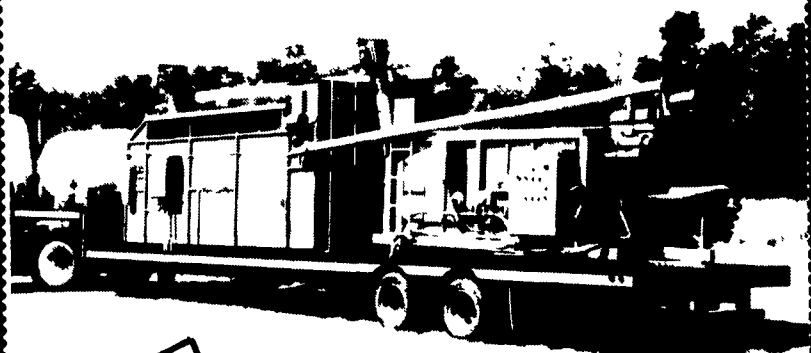
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