

## Foraging Around



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program. I say the data collecting phase because I'm sure we'll be analyzing data and reporting information back to you for many years to come. So while officially 1989 is the final year of the program in Pennsylvania, we'll be talking about it for many more years.

### MEETING AND BANQUET

What about the celebration itself? Things kick off right after lunch on Wednesday, December 20 at the Altoona Sheraton Inn. I'll recap some of the history of the alfalfa growers program. We'll recognize the grand champions of

the past 15 years and Dr. Bill Griffith, Potash/Phosphate Institute, will discuss the impact of the program in Pennsylvania and throughout the alfalfa growing areas of the United States.

Dr. Jim Moutrey, president, AFGC, will discuss alfalfa's for

the 21st. century. And Sid Bosworth will highlight the 1989 alfalfa growers program and recognize the 1989 winners. We have allowed time for a festive reception and just plain visiting. Then about 6 p.m., we will conclude the day's activities with a banquet and recognition of all those who have supported the program over the past 15 years. In addition, Erving Row, managing editor, Hoards Dairymen, will be on hand to crystal ball the dairy industry over the next five years.

We hope for a big turn-out of those who participated in these programs over the past 15 years, along with all other alfalfa enthusiasts, for this educational and festive event. Since most are dairymen, we have arranged the program so you will miss only one milking and we promise to get you on the road home in good time after the Wednesday evening events.

If you have a copy of the program and registration form, be sure to mail it to Richard Hann, Milton

Hershey School Farms, Founders Hall, Box 830, Hershey, PA 17033, no later than December 15. The registration fee, which includes the banquet, is \$15.00.

If you haven't received a copy of the program, contact your local county agent, or call Hann at (717) 534-3507 before the December 15 deadline. You'll be glad you did.

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With increasing urban development, everyone is more aware than ever of the fragile preciousness of our nation's farmland. It is up to a very select group of individuals - yes; farmers; to efficiently manage and protect this valuable

asset. It hardly seems possible that the Christmas season is just around the corner. Looking back weather-wise, 1989 has been a challenging year for all of us. But looking ahead I wish each of you a most joyous Christmas, and may 1990 prove to be a happy and prosperous year for everyone.

According to Peter Zakanycz, district conservationist for Northampton County, "It is important that any landowner who does not have a conservation plan contact his or her local Soil Conservation Service office before January 1, 1990 in order to maintain eligibility for USDA farm program benefits. Farmers have until December 31, 1994 to implement the conservation plan."

Call your local SCS office for more information.



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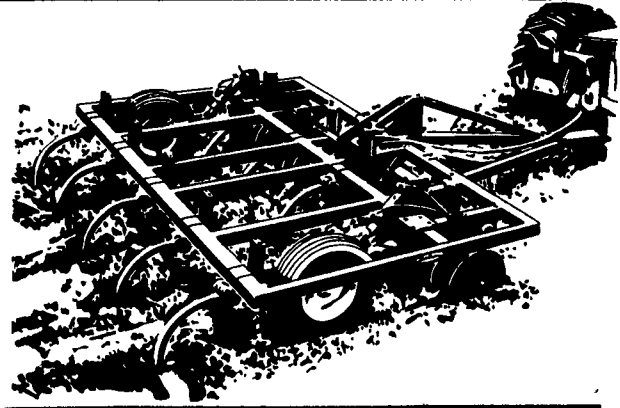
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