

er the ranking. The smaller the dollars spent per acre, the higher the ranking. The higher percent of acres of the total farm offered, the higher the ranking and lastly the larger the number of acres offered the higher the ranking. The important thing to remember is that while you are involved, Bernie gets the pleasure of doing most of the work," Ziegenfus stated.

Warren Lamm finished the program explaining the sale procedure. "First a contract of sale must be prepared. A deed must be executed and title insurance procured. Than the board recom-

mends the purchase to the state board. There is very little likelihood that the state board would not accept our recommendations. We also want to encourage all program participants to consult someone experienced in the area of tax considerations. The only thing we know at this time is that the purchase will not be subjected to the realty transfer tax," Lamm said.

If farmers are unable to submit their preliminary applications by January 31, another round will start on February 1.

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Maryland Forage Conference

WESTMINSTER, MD — This year's Central Maryland Forage Conference will feature firsthand slide presentations on grazing management systems in Ireland and New Zealand during its afternoon session, reports Dr. Leester R. Vough, forage crops specialist for the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service.

Dr. Vough believes that Maryland and Mid-Atlantic livestock producers could benefit by adopting either the Irish or New Zealand systems, which feature continuous and rotational grazing.

The Irish system, particularly, stresses quality and digestibility of forage for dairy cattle. Both systems also are managed in line with economics for beef cattle and sheep.

The conference is set for Saturday, January 20, in the Carroll County Agricultural Center at Westminster. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program gets under way at 9:30. A \$10 registration fee includes educational materials and lunch.

Morning sessions will include presentations on pasture improvement and maintenance for all types of livestock, including goats and horses. The conference will conclude with a "Putting the Pieces Together" session which features separate panel discussion groups for various types of livestock producers. Adjournment is set for 3:30 p.m.

Commercial exhibits will be on display throughout the day, featuring products like fencing supplies, seed and fertilizer. A plant identification contest also will be held.

Livestock producers throughout the Mid-Atlantic area are welcome to attend. Maryland residents are asked to contact their county office of the Cooperative Extension Service ahead of time to assure adequate seating and food. Residents of surrounding states should call Dr. Vough's office in College Park during normal working hours at (301) 454-4695.

