

Fruit and Vegetable Conference Slated for Hershey

An all-day irrigation short course will be part of the Fruit and Vegetable Conference and Trade Show in Hershey. The annual show, which attracts more than 1,000 fruit and vegetable growers from across the state will be held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center from January 30 to February 1, 1990. More than 12 pesticide update training credits, required by the state for the renewal of certified pesticide applicator licenses, will be given during the meetings.

The gathering is a joint event that includes the 1990 Pennsylvania Vegetable Conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association and the Pennsylvania State University. Scheduled concurrently is the 131st annual meeting of the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, the state fruit growers association. The State Horticultural Societies of Maryland and New Jersey also meet in conjunction with their fellow fruit growers from Pennsylvania.

The Vegetable conference program will feature concurrent sessions all three days and is expected to draw more than 600 people. Sessions on January 30 will cover processing and fresh-market production methods including insect, disease, and weed control as well as marketing and post-harvest

handling. Bedding plant production and issues of food safety sessions will be featured on January 31, along with sessions on general vegetable culture and the future outlook for fruits and vegetables. February 1 will be devoted to small fruit production and marketing topics. The irrigation short course will also be February 1.

University specialists and industry representatives and growers, including 25 from out-of-state, will present more than 45 talks during the sessions. More than 100 exhibitors, displaying the latest in equipment, supplies, pesticides and varieties for fruit and vegetable growers, will be present for the trade show. The conference is the most comprehensive educational program offered for growers in the state.

Registration is open to all interested persons and begins at 7:30 each morning in the main lobby of the Convention Center. Registration fees are \$25 for three days and \$15 for one day. An additional \$25 fee is required for the irrigation short course.

Additional information on the program can be obtained from county extension offices or from the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, RD 1, Box 392, Northumberland, PA 17857-9723, or by calling (717) 473-8468.

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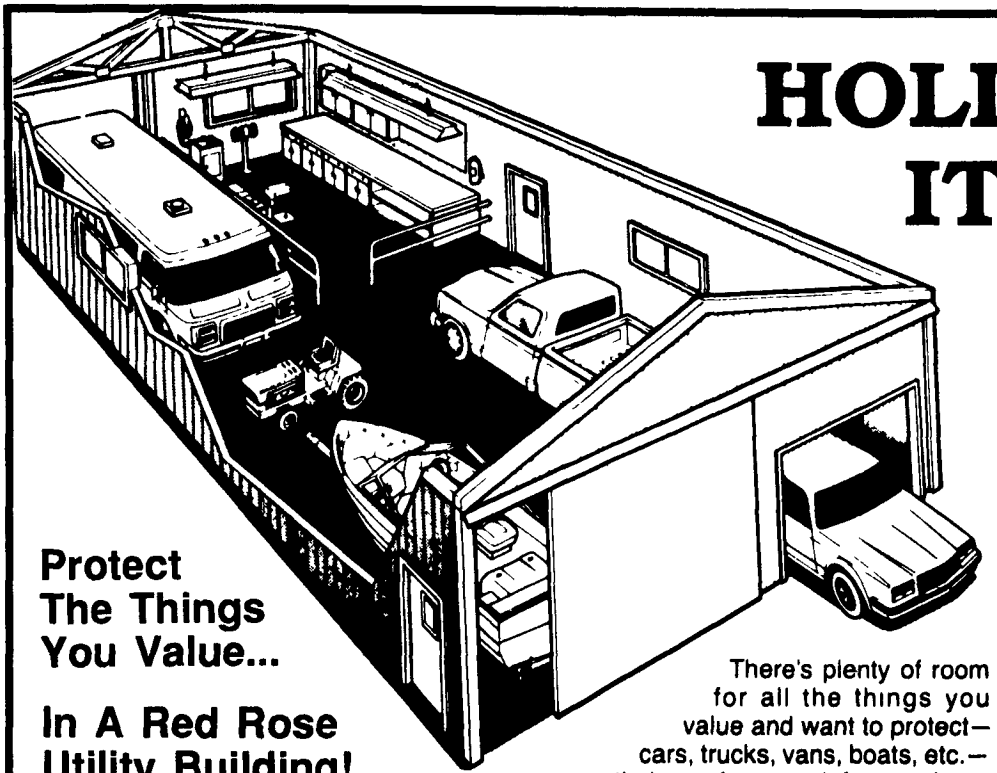
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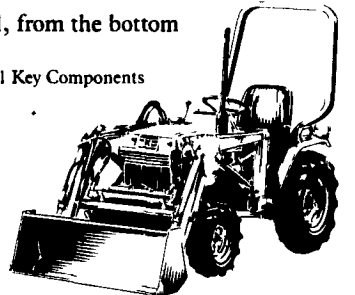
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