Regional Conference Slated On Sustainable Agriculture

COLLEGE PARK, MD. -One of the newer'concepts on the U.S. farm scene is sustainable agriculture, a practice that seeks to manage fertilizer and pesticide applications in a way that permits farmers to earn a decent living while keeping the environment healthy for future generations.

To help explore this concept, the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland College Park have joined forces with a trio of environmental organizations to sponsor an allday meeting next month on Sustainable Agriculture in the Chesa-

peake Bay Region.

Billed as the first-ever Mid-Atlantic area conference of its kind, the event is scheduled Feb. 28 in the Holiday Inn at Timonium, north of Baltimore off Interstate Highway 83.

Morning speakers will include Dick and Sharon Thompson of Boone, Iowa, widely publicized sustainable agriculture farmers, and William Liebhardt of Davis, Calif., a nationally recognized University of California researcher in the field of sustainable agriculture.

A mid-morning panel will explore possibilities for research and Extension programs on sus-

Dairy Day Includes Array Of Presentations

MONTROSE (Susquehanna Co.) — The committee for the 1991 Susquehanna County Dairy Day to be held on Friday, March 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Elk Lake High School has been announced by the Susquehanna County Cooperative Extension.

The committee members are Dave Andre, Don Birchard, Dan Bonham, Bob Davenport, Peggy Empet, Robert Fearnley, Dave Hibbard, Don Hibbard, Ted Hirsch, Tom Page, Lloyd Pease, Al Roszel, Ann Wells, Ron White, and Gerry Verboys.

This committee has been involved with obtaining speakers and exhibitors. They will also be involved in several ways at the

event, including lunch, seating, exhibitor set up, door prizes, dairy product handouts, and other items. Sincere appreciation is extended to these people.

The program at Dairy Day will include educational presentations; commercial exhibits: milk, ice cream and cheese bar; door prizes; dinner; and a report from Jody Williams Susquehanna County Dairy Princess and Misty Baker, Susquehanna County Alternate Dairy Princess.

Dairy farm people interested in attending are urged to make dinner reservations by calling the extension office at (717)278-1158.

tainable agriculture in the Mid-Atlantic region. Panel participants will include representatives of Penn State and the University of Maryland College Park, Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, Rodale Institute, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service at Beltsville.

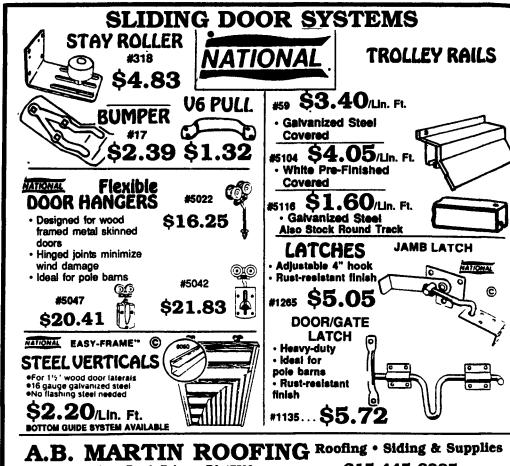
Most of the afternoon program will be devoted to breakout sessions on applying sustainable agriculture to various aspects of farming, such as fruits and vegetables, livestock, cover crops and pest control.

The day's program will conclude with a town hall meeting on the topic, "Where Are We Going From Here?" Moderator will be I. Garth Youngberg, executive director of the Institute for Alternative Agriculture, based in

Greenbelt.

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Program sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance registration should be made by Feb. 22. A \$20 registration fee includes printed materials, coffee breaks and lunch. Registration blanks and program brochures are available from offices of the Cooperative Extension Service throughout Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic area.



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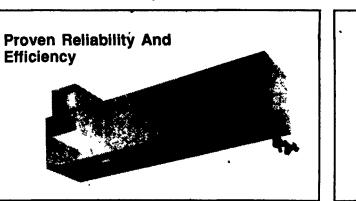
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