

Christian Farmers Group Makes Plans

A family enrichment seminar and short-term international work missions are several of the early 1992 activities offered for farmers by the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International.

FCFI is a nondenominational group of more than 7,500 farmers and agribusiness people whose purpose is to strengthen faith in God through Christian fellowship and outreach activities.

Stewardship in managing your family, finances and farming enterprises is the theme of the seminar on Valentine's weekend, February 14-16, in Chicago.

Speakers include Jerry Carlson, editor of LandOwner newsletter; Dan Manternach, editor of Pro Farmer marketing newsletter; Jerry Wonder of Family Ministry; Joseph Stowell, president of the Moody Bible Institute; and Thomas Herlong, president of FCFI and a farmer at Johnston, South Carolina.

Registration is \$140 per couple or \$75 per person by January 15 (\$180 and \$90 thereafter). For more information or to register contact seminar coordinator John Schillinger, 645 E. Ridge Cr., Kalamazoo, MI 49009

(616/385-6713).

FCFI work missions in 1992 include Mexico, Brazil and Nicaragua. Three dates are available for Mexico. The first is January 19-28, the second is February 9-18 and the third is March 2-11. Cost

is \$250 from San Antonio.

The Brazil work mission is February 6-20 and includes an added agricultural tour of several days. Cost is about \$1,800 from Miami. The third mission to Nicaragua on February 10-17 to

build high tensile fence. Cost is about \$1,000 from Houston.

For more information on FCFI work missions contact Dennis Schlagel, 2819 Richard Road, Bloomington, IL 61704 (309/663-2650).

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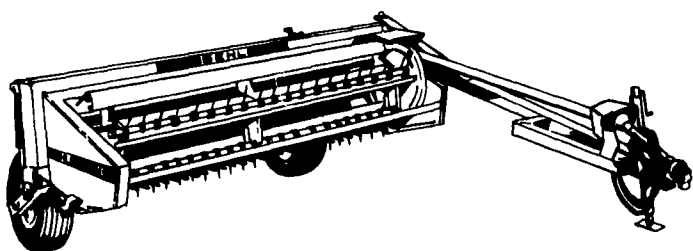
"Sustainable agriculture is emerging as a national priority," says Dr. James Frazier, professor of entomology and coordinator of the sustainable agriculture display. "People have many different ideas about what sustainable agriculture means. We hope our exhibit gives people a more complete understanding."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines sustainable agriculture as "an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application."

To qualify as sustainable, such practices must "satisfy human food and fiber needs; enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends; make the most efficient use of nonrenewable and on-farm resources and integrate, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls; sustain the economic viability of farm operations; and enhance the quality of life for farmers and society as a whole."

Penn State's exhibit will demonstrate some of the benefits of sustainable agriculture. Faculty and staff from the College of Agricultural Sciences will be on hand to answer questions and describe some of the College's many research and extension programs that directly contribute to sustainable agriculture. Visitors also can express their opinions on the topic by completing a survey.

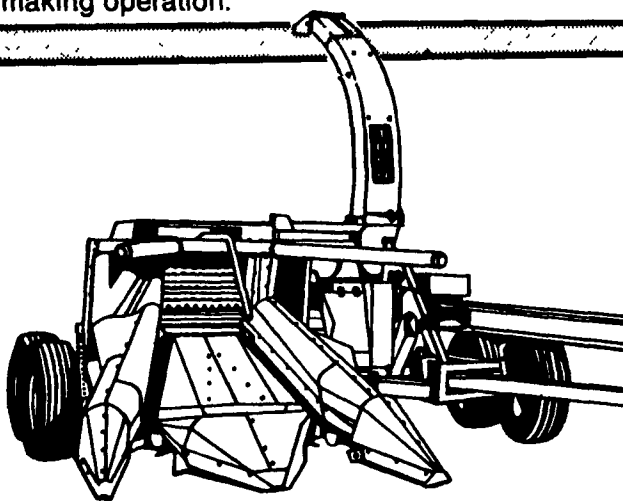
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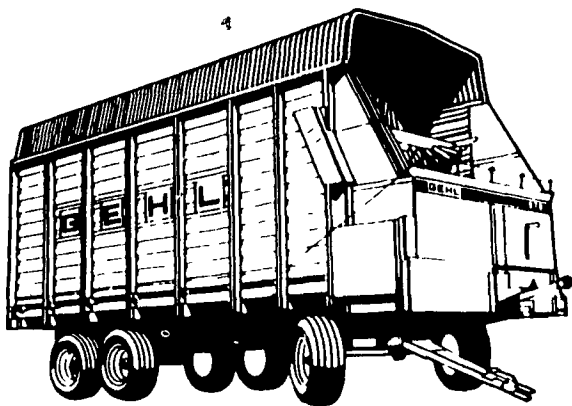
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