

# Organic Growers Twilight Meeting

PITTSBOWN, NJ — The first organic farmer's meeting at the Rutgers University Snyder

Research and Extension Farm in Pittsstown, Hunterdon County, will be held on Tuesday, July 21st,

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by NOFA-NJ (Natural Organic Farmers Association of New Jersey) and Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the program will highlight organic research in progress at the college's 400-acre farm. Emily Brown Rosen, NOFA-NJ's new Assistant Technical Resource director will introduce the speakers.

Steve Reiners, RCE Vegetable Specialist, will explain studies comparing organic, non-organic and low-input methods of Tomato production. Another study is under way on fertility rates for sweet corn and tomatoes using alfalfa meal and blood meal as nitrogen sources. A three year rotation for corn, tomatoes, and pumpkins using organic fertilizers is also being studied.

Dan Kluchinski, Agricultural

Agent for Mercer County, will describe his studies of sheet composting of leaves, with 3 and 6 inches worth of leaves applied to plots with corn, beans and a fall vegetable crop.

Don Prostack, Rutgers IPM Agent for Vegetables will explain his work on several vegetable crops looking for resistance to insect pests, testing alternative methods for corn earworm control, and a trial planting or pyrethrin-type of chrysanthemums inter-cropped with beans.

Joe Heckman, Rutgers Soils Specialist, will discuss an on-site soil test for nitrogen for sweet corn to be used prior to side-dressing with manure or conven-

tional methods and determines nitrogen availability during the season.

Dean Polk, Rutgers IPM Agent for Fruit, will describe the studies under way on a block of disease resistant apple trees, with a limited spray program being tested, as well as an organic spray program being tested at the Cream Ridge research farm.

Other projects on view include a new leaf wetness monitoring system to predict timing for disease sprays on tomatoes, biological control of alfalfa insects, and the 7 wire electric deer fence that enclosed about half the farm.

There's no charge for this program, but please call NOFA-NJ if you plan to attend. 609-737-6848.

## Names Award Winners

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**Dr. George C. Fahey, Jr. - Pioneer Hi-Bred Forage Award.** This award, consisting of a monetary stipend and a plaque, is given to recognize outstanding basic or applied research and/or educational contributions in the area of forage production, storage, or utilization. Fahey is Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

**Dr. Timothy A. Reinhardt - Upjohn Physiology Award.** This award, consisting of a plaque and monetary award, is given for outstanding research in dairy cattle physiology. Reinhardt is Adjunct

Assistant Professor in the Animal Science Department, Iowa State University and Lead Scientist, Metabolic Disease and Immunology Laboratory, National Animal Disease Center, USDA, Agricultural Research Service.

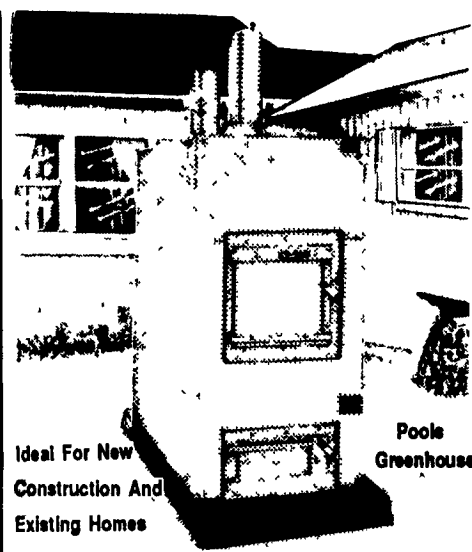
**Dr. Stephen P. Oliver - West Agro, Inc. Award.** This award, consisting of a monetary stipend and a plaque, is presented in recognition of outstanding research on milk quality as affected by control of mastitis, management of milking, and practices in the production of milk. Oliver is Associate Professor of Animal Science at the University of Tennessee.

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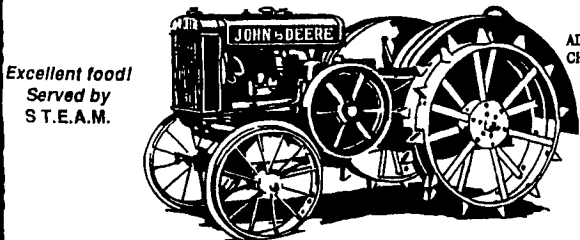
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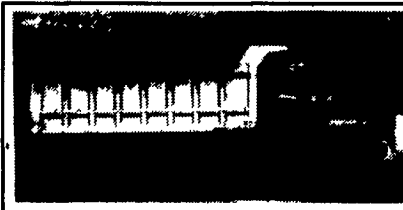
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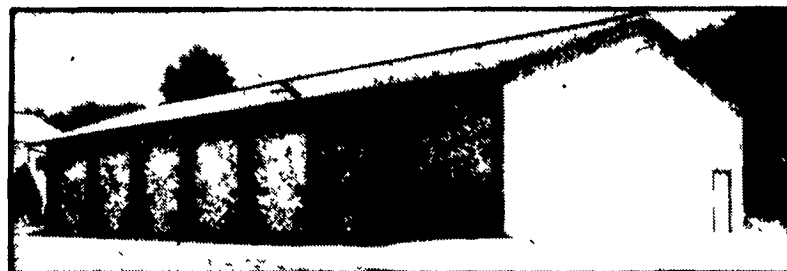
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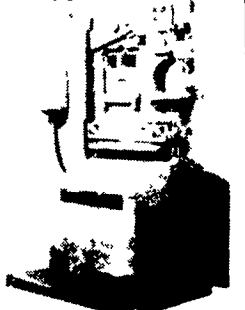
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