N.J. Vegetable Growers Return To Taj Mahal

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The Vegetable Growers Association of New Jersey will return to the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort for their 1993 annual meeting on Ianuary 12-14.

show, spouses program, and annual banquet are the featured events of this year's meeting.

Growers and the vegetable industry are looking forward to another successful meet; in the large and convenient facilities of the Taj Mahal located on the boardwalk. Plans are being completed to host more than 2,000 people, including growers, spouses, agribusinessmen, state

and university specialists from New Jersey and the eastern United States. The meeting is one of the largest most informative vegetable meetings in the East Coast.

VGANJ secretary Phil Traino Education sessions, a trade and Mrs. Marion Savoca are coordinating registration, VGANJ activities and the dinner show. Steve Reiners and Steve Garrison, of Rutgers Cooperative Extension, are coordinating the educational program sessions and Rocco DiGerolamo is coordinating the trade show.

The large trade show area with space for 150 exhibits is available in the Grand Ballroom of the Taj Mahal. Agribusiness representatives will display new tillage, irrigation, planting, seeding, packing, and pesticide application equipment. Suppliers and distributors of fertilizers, pesticides, containers, plastics, and many other supplies, will be available to discuss the use and performance of their products. We are looking forward to the best trade show ever.

Plans are being made to offer lunch in the exhibit area again this year. This will allow participants to have a convenient lunch and the opportunity to spend more time with growers at the trade show. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about new products and services, and to exchange information with other growers and indus-

The program committee has developed 15 sessions on topics and issues of special concerns to growers. One of the highlights of this year's program will be an indepth session on water conservation and management, cosponsored by the Delaware River Basin Commission.

Featured speakers at this year's meeting include learning researchers, extension specialists, industry scientists, and county agents. Speakers from Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the USDA will participate in this year's sessions.



Jim Glamarese, president of the Vegetable Growers' Association of New Jersey, presents a citation to Charlie Holmes, retired Mercer County agricultural agent, for outstanding service to the vegetable industry.

Rutgers research and Extension specialists, county agricultural agents, NJDA, and DEPE personnel will provide growers with the latest information on regulations, pesticides, IPM, and cultural practices under local conditions. Core and category pesticide recertification credits will be offered in most education sessions. See the final program for detailed information.

New features of this year's

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program are two workshops. A hands-on computer workshop will allow growers to use the 'Planetor' program to determine profitability, productivity, and resource conservation. No prior computer experience is required but preregistration is limited to 20. Contact Dr. Robin Brumfield, Ag Economics and Marketing, PO Box 231, Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ 08903, (908) 932-9171.

Farmers' Christmas Market Opens try representatives!

CHELTENHAM, Md. — The second annual Farmers Christmas Market is open here at the Southern Maryland Regional Farmers

The market is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Christmas. It is located on U.S. Rt. 301 south adjacent to the Veteran's Cemetery.

Local farmers and crafters are selling a variety of holiday goods inside the warehouse, including poinsettias, fresh wreaths, handmade crafts and ornaments, holiday decorations, leather goods, quilts and quilted items, wooden crafts, baked goods, jams and jell-

ies, fresh apples and apple cider, honey and other items. Christmas trees are being sold daily outside the warehouse by a Southern Maryland Christmas tree grower.

Special exhibits will be featured during the market. On November 28 there will be a quilt exhibit by the Amish of Southern Maryland showing and selling their beautifully stitched and handmade quilts. On December 12 Santa and his Barnyard Friends will be present.

Fro more information about the Christmas market, contact Regina Prunty, market manager, (800) 533-3276 or (301) 372-1066.

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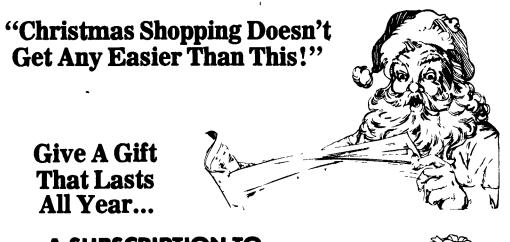
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