

Vegetable Day In New Holland

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — The Adult Farmer Program of the Eastern Lancaster County School District will conduct an all-day program for vegetable growers at the Summit Valley Elementary School on Monday, February 15.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. with coffee, donuts, and visiting exhibits. General sessions will cover topics such as vegetable insect identification and control and managing plant stress.

There will be a series of concurrent meetings going on during the day including topics on marketing, vegetable transplant productions, two bedding plant sessions, strawberries, sweet corn, pumpkins, greenhouse tomatoes, soil compaction, and potato grading.

A special session will be presented for growers thinking about getting started in vegetable production. Some valuable tips will be shared. Producers may want to bring more than one member of the family in order to attend sessions going on at the same time.

Credits toward pesticide recertification will be awarded to those with private applicator licenses (3 core plus 2 category). Be sure to bring your current private applicator license with you. A special session for those needing category 21 credits for soil fumigation will be held in the afternoon.

Presenters on the program will include several Penn State specialists; Ray Samulis, a New Jersey Extension Agent; representatives from greenhouse supply firms; David Lankford, a Maryland producer; Boyd Mertz, greenhouse tomato producer; and Ed Stoner, PDA potato inspector.

The Summit Valley Elementary School is located on Eastern School Rd., one and one-half miles south of New Holland between Brimmer and Kinzer Aves. The meeting will be in the all-purpose room on the east side of the building. Car and team parking available. Lunch will be available at a nominal fee.

All area vegetable producers are invited. For more information, contact Don Robinson at the Adult Farmer Office at (717) 354-1522 or Bruce Hellerick at the county extension office at (717) 394-6851.

For me, the test of any alfalfa is how many pounds of nutrients per acre it produces.

I'm as interested as the next guy in what researchers are doing to improve the alfalfa varieties on the market today. But sometimes, I think seed companies forget that more leaves or better disease resistance by themselves don't produce more milk. The bottom line is pounds of nutrients per acre.

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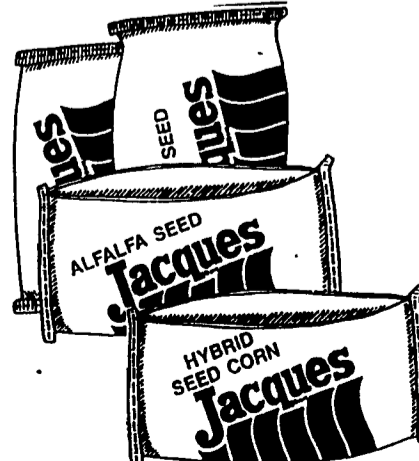
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