

Tillage Event Set

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economic impacts of environmental regulations, water quality, nutrient management, crop residue, small grains, and forages. Farmers from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia are invited to attend.

Sponsoring organizations include Cooperative Extension, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service and local conservation districts in the participating states, with assistance from interested agribusiness representatives. More than 400 persons are expected to attend.

Activities on Dec. 16 will get under way at 8 a.m. with free coffee and doughnuts, plus opportunity to visit industry exhibits. The educational program will run from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., with an hour and 45 minutes off for lunch and another chance to chat with exhibitors.

Tickets for the noon lunch are available for \$6 each from cooperative extension county offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. They must be purchased in advance and no later than Dec. 6.

Speakers and topics for the

morning program are as follows:

• "Innovations in Agriculture" — Dr. Dennis R. Keeney, director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture and professor of soil microbiology at Iowa State University.

• "Weed Control Update" — Dr. Ronald L. Ritter, extension agronomist, University of Maryland at College Park.

• "Conservation Tillage & Small Grains" — F. Ronald Mulford, farm manager, Poplar Hill Facility, Lower Eastern Shore Research & Education Center, University of Maryland.

• "Crop Residue Management" — Joel C. Myers, state agronomist for Pennsylvania, Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Harrisburg, Pa.

The last three topics will be aired twice, in consecutive 40-minute breakout sessions, providing opportunity to hear two of the three speakers.

Afternoon program topics will include economic impacts of environmental regulations, fertility and nutrient management, forages, and water quality improvement programs.

Vegetable Growers Plan Meeting

GREENSBURG (Westmoreland Co.) — The annual Western Pennsylvania Commercial Vegetable Growers Seminar will be held on Thursday, December 9, at the Days Inn, Butler, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Every year, vegetable growers from western Pennsylvania and parts of Ohio and West Virginia meet to learn the latest information and products available to help them grow top quality produce.

Excellent speakers from universities and private industry will discuss production practices, marketing, pest management, and other topics.

Commercial exhibitors include seed companies, chemical companies, machinery dealers, greenhouse suppliers, and distributors of a wide range of products, including irrigation equipment for the commercial vegetable grower. Penn State Extension and commercial suppliers are again cosponsoring this event.

This year's educational sessions will emphasize commercial production of vine crops. Dr. William LaMont, professor of vegetable crops at Kansas State Univer-

sity, will speak on the topics, "Intensive Production of Vine Crops" and "Pumpkin Production." Speakers from Penn State and private industry will address topics such as "Weed Management for Vine Crops," "New Vine Crop Varieties," and "Insect Pest Management in Vine Crops."

The afternoon will feature concurrent sessions on marketing and production. Dr. Kelso Wessel, professor of agricultural economics, will be the featured speaker in

the marketing session.

If you are involved in or seriously considering commercial vegetable growing, plan to attend the Western Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Seminar. It will be held at the Days Inn, Rt. 6 South, Butler. To register or for more information, contact Penn State Extension, Westmoreland County, Box 250, Greensburg, PA 15601, (412) 837-1402, or any Penn State extension office in western Pennsylvania.

ALBC Takes Over Dutch Belted Registry

PITTSBORO, N.C. — The Dutch Belted Cattle Association of America registry duties are now being performed by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of biological diversity in livestock populations.

The herdbook for the Dutch Belted Cattle Association of America was established in 1886. This is the oldest continuously registering herdbook for belted cattle in the world.

While Dutch Belted cattle have become quite rare, interest is picking up in this unique dairy breed, according to Don Bixby, executive director of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy.

"We are seeing more registration activity and a rise in the number of inquiries," Bixby said. "Al-

so, many commercial dairy farmers are breeding their cows to Dutch Belted bulls to increase calving ease, grazing efficiency, and other favorable management traits."

The Dutch Belted Cattle Association of America has a recovery program for bringing grade Dutch Belted cattle back into the herdbook. There is also a breeding-up program, for starting from a Holstein female base, to help increase the population.

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy also has a mission to locate and preserve old Dutch Belted literature such as bulletins and herdbooks.

For more information contact the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312, or call (919) 542-5704.

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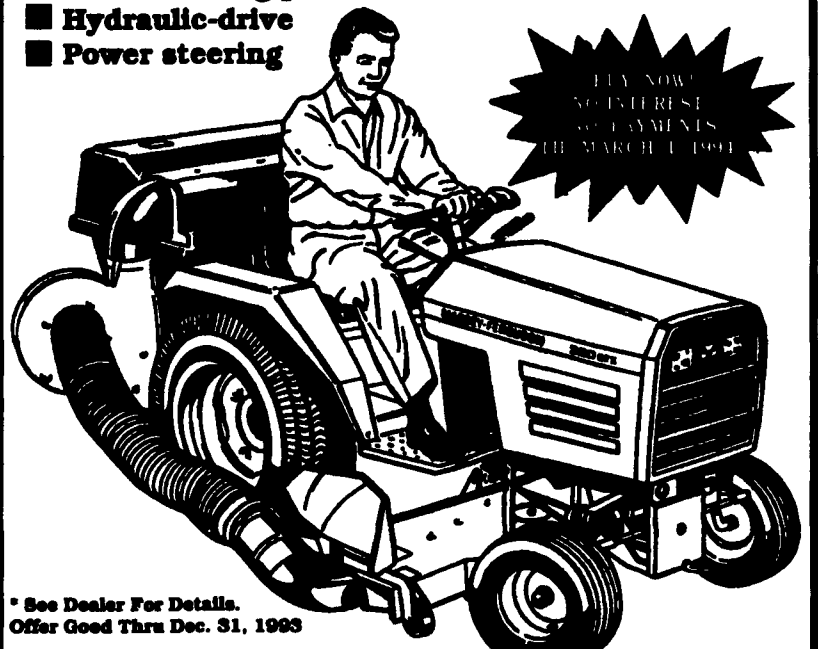
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