

Groundwater Protection Teleconference At Farm And Home Center

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, April 30, 1994-A29

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Penn State Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County and the Lancaster League of Women Voters are hosting a national video conference on groundwater protection to alert citizens and local, state, and national decision makers about how to better protect our groundwater resources from pollution.

The conference will be held from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, and will be downlinked at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.

The two-hour video session will feature presentations, panel discussions, a call-in segment, and film footage revealing success stories of groundwater protection. Highlights will include an examination of the role of groundwater in the renewal of the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

The video conference will not only provide a common pool of knowledge about groundwater issues, it will also provide a focused course of action.

Topics addressed by the speak-

ers include reducing nonpoint pollution from agriculture, developing effective wellhead programs, mobilizing citizens and communities, and building national policy. Participants in the conference will have the opportunity to call in questions and receive answers on the air.

There is no registration fee to attend this video conference, although reservations need to be made in advance by calling the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office at (717) 394-6851.

NDC Honors Two Scientists

ROSEMONT, Ill. — The NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL® (NDC) honors two prominent scientists for their contributions to research and education this week during the 34th annual meeting of The American Society for Clinical Nutrition (ASCN) in Anaheim, Calif.

Selected by the ASCN Awards Committee are Michael F. Holick, Ph.D., M.D., who will receive the E. V. McCollum Award for his groundbreaking work in the area of Vitamin D research and Maurice E. Shils, M.D., Sc.D. recipient of the 1994 National Dairy Council Award for Excellence in Medical/Dental Nutrition Education.

"Every year, it is our honor to join ASCN in recognizing exceptional contributions in the field of

nutrition," explained Greg Miller, Ph.D., NDC's vice president of Nutrition Research who will present the awards.

"These awards demonstrate our commitment to stimulating the scientific exploration of nutrition and its impact on everyday life."

Dr. Holick of The Boston University School of Medicine has touched the lives of millions of people worldwide. His research findings in the field of vitamin D have been translated into practical applications to improve health. As a graduate student he identified and isolated the biologically active forms of the vitamin.

Laboratory data from his research demonstrates the critical role of solar radiation and artificial lighting on the production of vitamin D. These data were then

used to develop fluorescent lighting which would enhance vitamin D production in the skin.

Therapeutically, Dr. Holick's studies have led to the identification of vitamin D as an effective therapy for relieving the symptoms of psoriasis and of psoriatic arthritis.

Dr. Shils is being honored for his long and distinguished academic career as well as his role in championing nutrition education. Among his accomplishments, Dr. Shils developed the innovative concept of regional medical/dental centers to promote clinical nutrition education.



Peach Crop

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Penn State Extension is looking into ways to help growers deal with the loss. The region has been declared a disaster area because of the severe winter weather.

Financial losses can be covered by fruit crop insurance (which is extremely expensive, according to Slaybaugh) or low-interest loans from the Farmers Home Administration.

For now, growers should continue to follow a pruning program, because the cold weather has only affected this year's harvest. The trees should produce fruit, if the weather cooperates, next season.

Growers can also examine information about the new Canadian winter-hardy varieties now under testing at Penn State. But research is still out on how well the trees can tolerate severe cold.

Compared to other years, the past winter has created a condition

more severe than the dozen or so frosts that growers experienced in 1990.

For those who want to buy peaches, states such as New Jersey, Georgia, South Carolina, South Virginia, and North Carolina will have a crop. But prices to the food retailers could rise.

Many peach growers may have to take a severe financial loss.

"You're talking a significant loss here," said Kleiner. "Nobody realizes it. This area, it's going to be felt, because it's such a big industry here."

"There's not a thing you can do — other than grow extremely hardy plants, if you can find them."

"I've talked to ASCS to see if there's anything coming through," said Kleiner. "There's nothing."

"This is equivalent to a hurricane coming through, or a tornado coming through and wiping out all your property," he said.

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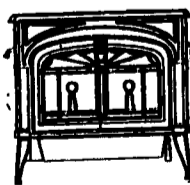
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