

FARM MANAGEMENT

FARM COMPUTER TRAINING

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The Farm Management Computer Classroom on Wheels from Virginia Tech is coming soon to southcentral Pennsylvania.

Farmers here will also have the opportunity to participate in hands-on computer training, which has been tried and tested in Virginia. Two-day workshops

have been scheduled in Cumberland and Adams counties.

The Cumberland workshops will be at the Cumberland County Extension Office, downstairs meeting room, on June 20 and June 22. The program runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The same program, which is geared to the needs of intermediate and beginning computer operators, will be conducted at Hoss's Restaurant, Rt.30 east, Gettysburg, on June 21 and June 23. Meals will be at cost at each location.

Advanced registration with pay-

ment of \$95 by June 16 is required for this program. Agrilenders and agribusiness are pledging financial support, which may enable us to rebate some meal or registration cost to participants.

Virginia Farm Management Extension staff have developed the "Computer Classroom on Wheels" and have used it extensively with great success in Virginia. They have 16 notebook computers, each with extended keyboard and mouse to equip each pupil with the MS-DOS and Windows environment that is common to most farm computers.

Instructors use efficient overhead projection equipment to display the materials being taught. All this equipment can be packed conveniently into a van for transport to any place where a group can be assembled in a classroom.

Instructors from V.P.I. will be Gordon Groover and Jim Pease. Tim Beck and Laura Watts of Penn State Extension will be assisting them with our workshops.

Topics will be presented in

modules, each lasting three hours. Four modules will be presented at each site. These will include:

- Introduction To Farm Business Computing. This will include basic skills to operate Windows-based software and a brief overview of hardware and software applications to agriculture.

- Introduction to Farm Record Keeping with "Quicken". Introduce you to keeping your farm records, check writing, statement reconciliation, and financial reports.

- Intermediate Farm Record Keeping. Provide you with details on customizing "Quicken" to your farm operation, enterprise accounts, and generating financial reports.

- Farm Management Using "Lotus 1-2-3". Introduce you to spreadsheet, budgets, and "what if?" analysis or Introduction to "Farm Trac", field and pesticide

record keeping and reporting.

In case of insufficient registrations, we reserve the right to cancel these workshops and refund all payments in full. No promotion, exclusivere commendation, or endorsement of any product is intended or implied.

The Farm Management Computer Classroom on Wheels has been provided by generous donations from NationsBank, Virginia Corn Board, Virginia Soybean Board, Virginia State Dairymen's Association, Virginia Small Grains Board, Virginia Farm Credit Associations, Tennessee Valley Authority, and Virginia Cooperative Extension.

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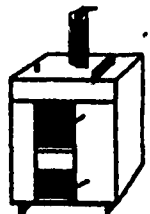
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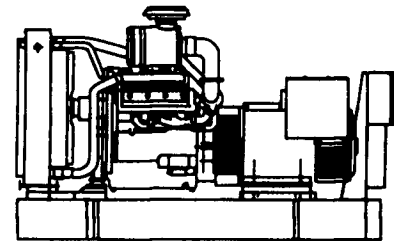
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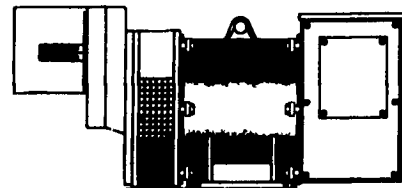
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