

Lessons On Conserving Natural Resources At Ag Progress

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)— Seeking informaton on preserving a wetland? Are you wondering how to generate income from your woodlot without harming wildlife? Or are you considering whether composting can be integrated into your farm operation?

You can find answers to these questions and other conservation issues at Penn State's Ag Progress Days, August 15-17.

Buses will depart daily from the Conservation Education Tent on West 11th Street to take visitors on various tours demonstrating conservation techniques.

The stream corridor management tour centers on how stream crossings and streambank fencing can improve natural waterways.

Demonstration sites for constructed wetlands also are featured. Buses leave at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A walking tour concentrating on forestry and wildlife will highlight small woodlot management. Topics such as harvesting trees to generate income, forest regeneration and road and trail maintenance will be addressed. A special demonstration will explain how to use warm-season grasses as a wildlife cover. Buses to the walking trail leave daily every hour starting at 10 a.m.

On the agricultural conservation tour, farm operators can learn how conservation practices can protect soil and improve water quality. Crop residue management, contour strip-cropping, crop-

land terraces, waterways and water diversions will be covered. Demonstrations of a forage chicory pasture and livestock grazing also will be featured. Buses leave daily at 1 p.m.

The on-farm composting tour offers information on recycling manure and other materials. Visitors can see composted farm waste at various stages. Compost will be turned during the 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. tours. In addition, finished poultry compost will be shown in a poultry mortality composting bin. Buses leave hourly from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A variety of conservation education programs also are featured daily in the tent, including "Faces of the Future," a five-minute video that details children's often-humorous opinions about conserva-

tion, and "Lines on the Land," a youth-oriented slide show that explains conservation practices by comparing, for instance, crop residue management to making a multi-topping pizza.

The schedule includes:
• "Faces of the Future" video, 10 a.m.

• "Lines on the Land" slide show, 10 a.m.

• Pasture Management, 11 a.m., 2 p.m.

• "Land of the Ringnecks" video, noon

• Coordinated Resource Management, 3 p.m.

• "Pennsylvania's Black Bear" video, 4 p.m.

Six agencies will be located in the conservation tent: Chesapeake Bay Education office; Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry; Depart-

ment of Environmental Resources; Consolidated Farm Service Agency; Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Pennsylvania Land Improvement Contractors Association.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days features more than 500 acres of educational and commercial exhibits, tours and machinery demonstrations. It is held at the 1,500-acre Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rocksprings, nine miles southwest of State College on Route 45, Aug. 15-17. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with extended hours on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call (800) PSU-1010 toll-free through August 17.

Growers Committed To Soil Stewardship

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)—Growers Fertilizer Solutions will sponsor an exhibit at the 27th annual Ag Progress Days, sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, August 15-17.

Penn State faculty and staff will offer exhibits and presentations to help agricultural producers reduce soil erosion and protect groundwater supplies by complying with new soil conservation and nutrient management regulations. Displays for consumers will highlight the importance of clean drinking water, water conservation, water testing and proper well construction.

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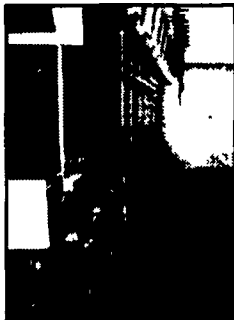
Growers will emphasize its long-standing commitment to soil stewardship. For 40 years, Growers personnel have been in the forefront in the process of re-educating American farmers in ways that promote good healthy soil stewardship.

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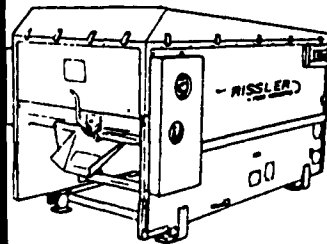
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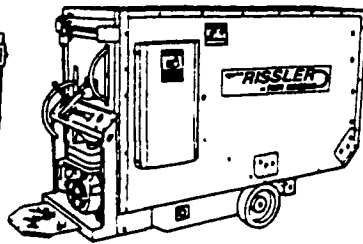
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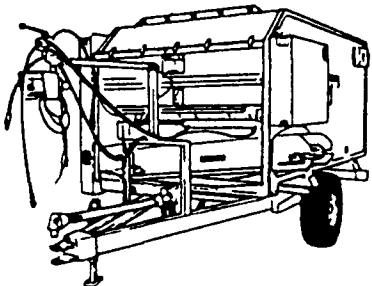
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