

Md. Pleasure Horse Seminar Set

COCKEYSVILLE, Md.—The 1995 Maryland Pleasure Horse Seminar will be held Dec. 9 at the South Carroll High School, Rt. 26, Winfield, Md.

Participants have the opportunity to choose three different seminars from the nine offered, plus the chance to attend selected repeat seminars or one of the on-farm demonstrations.

The registration desk and commercial exhibit area open at 8 a.m. Many exhibitors will be on hand to "show and tell" about products and services available to horse

owners. Seminar sessions begin at 9 a.m. with keynote speakers, Carville B. Collins, Esq. of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and Rich Wilcke of the University of Louisville, discussing "Current Issues of Tort Reform in Maryland."

Seminar sessions will follow throughout the day and adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

Seminar choices offer a variety of topics including the following: Dr. Sarah Ralston from Rutgers University discussing "Practical

Feeding Management" and "Care and Feeding of the Geriatric Horse." Julie I. Fershtman, Esq., attorney specializing in equine-related law issues will talk about "Avoiding Liability" and "Contracts, Agreements and Guarantees." "Manure Disposal Alternatives" will be presented by Bryan Butler and David Greene from the Carroll County Cooperative Extension Service office.

Mary D. Midkiff of equestrian resources will give a very important presentation on "Safety." Dr. Les Vough will discuss "Pasture

Maintenance and Management" and Dr. Malcom J. Commer, Jr. will talk about "Budgeting and Financial Controls For Your Horse Operation." Robert Sigafos from New Bolton Center will present information on "Foot Care and Shoeing."

Concurrent on-farm demonstrations are "How to Body Condition Score Horses" by Dr. Sarah Ralston, "Basic Physical Exam Techniques" and "Animal Handling Practices and the Administration of Animal Health Products" by Dr. Doug Carmel, and "Determin-

ing Equine Conformation" by Sally and Robert Shirley.

Advanced registration is required. The cost for the entire day including seminar, lunch, and materials is only \$15 per person (on-farm demonstrations are an additional \$10 per person).

To assure your place at this seminar, register by contacting the Carroll County Cooperative Extension office at (410) 848-4611 or contact Baltimore County Cooperative Extension office at (410) 666-1022 to receive a brochure.

Survey Shows Soybean Farmers Share Herbicide Concerns

PHILADELPHIA — Midwestern soybean growers have one overriding concern when selecting a herbicide to use. They don't want it to restrict their ability to rotate to corn, wheat or other crops. Southern soybean growers are greatly concerned about rotation restrictions but not as concerned as they are about controlling all broadleaf weeds with a single herbicide.

Research to determine what factors influence soybean farmers' herbicide selection was done recently by Total Research Corporation for FMC Agricultural Products Group. More than 1,000 farmers from across soybean production areas of the country were surveyed.

According to the Authority Research Survey, rotation restrictions and controlling all broadleaf weeds topped the list of herbicide benefits that farmers deem the most important, whether they were midwestern or southern soybean growers.

"It was obvious that soybean farmers want new herbicides that provide total weed control without restrictions to their rotated crop," said Nick Phillips, FMC Authority herbicide venture manager.

Possible rotation restrictions for any herbicide used in soybean production was the main consideration for 30 percent of the growers — 18 percent in the midwest and 12 percent in the south.

Control of all broadleaves and some grasses was the top priority by 29 percent of the growers — 14 percent in the midwest and 15 percent in the south.

The next most important decision factor which would influence farmers to use a herbicide was confidence that it would control herbicide resistant weeds. A total of 21 percent of the farmers — 10 percent in the midwest and 11 percent in the south — listed his concern.

In a related question, 34 percent of all the farmers questioned said they were somewhat or

very concerned about weed resistance to herbicide chemistries. Seventy-four percent of the 403 southern soy-

bean growers were somewhat or very concerned, and 61 percent of the 612 midwestern soybean farmers were

somewhat or very concerned.

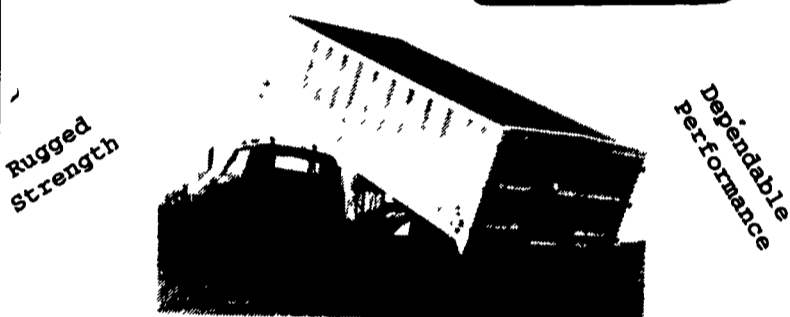
"We were surprised that so many farmers are beginning to worry

that weeds on their farms may become resistant to current herbicides," Phillips said. "FMC has an answer for some of this concern. Authority herbi-

cide has a different mode of action than the current ALS inhibitor market leaders which have recently been the center of resistance discussion. A different

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