

# Conserving Natural Resources At Ag Progress

**ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.)**—Visitors to Penn State's Ag Progress Days can get tips on identifying trees, find information on preserving a wetland, or discover how to compost at the Conservation Education Tent from Aug. 13-15.

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

The compost and milk waste handling tour will run hourly from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The tour offers information on recycling manure, milk waste from dairy operations and other materials. Compost will be turned during tours at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. In addition, visitors will see a demonstration of how milk waste can be stored and dis-

tributed to a vegetative filtering system that is environmentally safe.

A walking tour concentrating on forestry and wildlife will highlight woodlot management. Topics such as harvesting trees to generate income, forest regeneration, and proper woodland management will be addressed. Participants should dress comfortably for this walking tour, which will run hourly from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The wetlands and stream corridor management tour focuses on how stream crossings and stream-bank fencing can improve natural waterways. Demonstration sites for constructed and restored wetlands are also featured. Buses leave at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On the agricultural conservation tour, farm operators can learn how conservation practices can

protect soil and improve water quality. Crop residue management, contour stripcropping, waterways, and water diversions will be covered. Buses will leave daily at 11 a.m.

Several workshops will be offered daily. "Our Common Trees" is a tree-identification workshop for elementary and middle-school students and their parents. Another workshop, "BayScapes," teaches environmentally sound landscape management techniques to homeowners in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. A variety of conservation education programs are featured daily in the tent, including presentations on pasture management, white-tailed deer and the use of living cover in crop production.

The schedule includes:  
• "BayScapes," workshop, 10

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a.m., August 13 only.

• "BayScapes," video, 10 a.m., August 14 and 15.

• Pasture Management, workshop, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. daily.

• "Our Common Trees," workshop, noon daily.

• Permanent Living Ground Cover in Crop Production, workshop, 1 p.m. daily.

• "Pennsylvania White-Tailed Deer," video, 3 p.m. daily.

Seven agencies will be located

in the conservation tent: Chesapeake Bay Education Office, Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry, USDA Farm Service Agency, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services.

For more information, call (800) PSU-1010 through August 15. Or, if you have access to the Internet, visit Ag Progress Days on the World Wide Web: [http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/CA\\_SHOME/APD/APD.HTML](http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/CA_SHOME/APD/APD.HTML).



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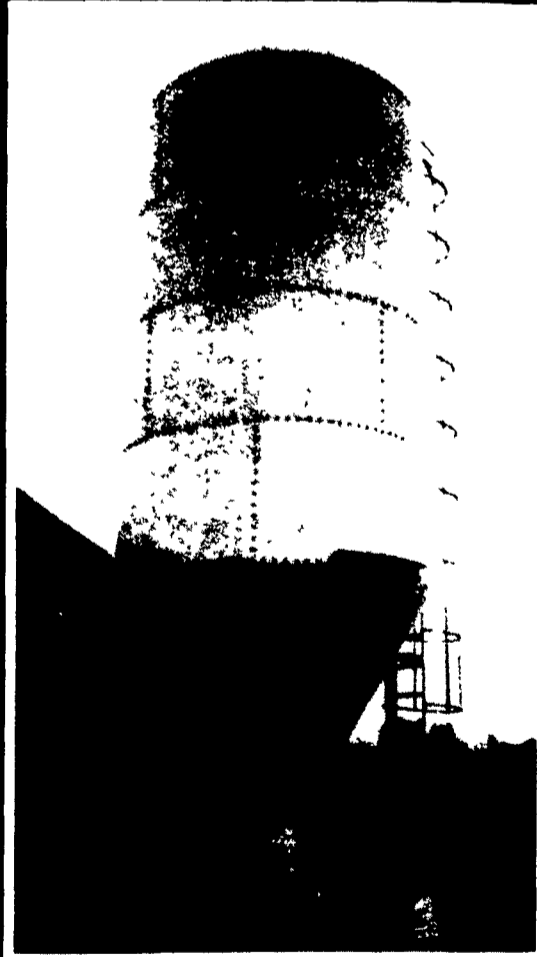
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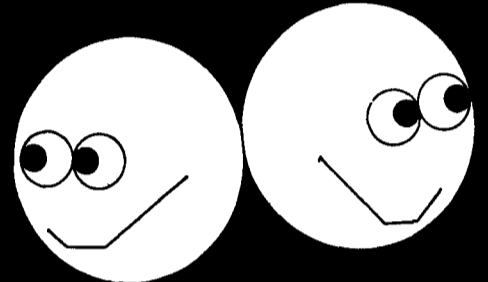
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