

# Animal Agriculture and the Environment Conference Set

ITHACA, N.Y. — Many good farm managers need to know more about the potential impact manure management practices can have on the quality of water resources and life in rural communities. Community leaders need a better understanding of the challenges faced by farmers as they deal with new neighbors, new environmental scrutiny, and economic uncertainty. A North American conference titled Animal Agriculture and the Environment: Nutrients, Pathogens, and Community Relations will be held December 11-13, 1996 in Rochester, New York to explore these issues.

This event will be an educational opportunity for those who seek a greater understanding of the potential impact of animal agriculture on the quality of water and rural life. The target audience for the conference includes producers (dairy, poultry, swine, and beef) and their advisers; community officials and their consultants; state/province regulatory agencies and legislatures; cooperative extension and university educators; crop consultants; rural land owners; soil and water conservation district staff; federal government staff; and watershed managers.

The conference will begin with an overview of trends in animal agriculture and environmental issues. Then, a series of presentations will provide an in-depth

understanding of environmental concerns including pathogens, phosphorus, nitrogen, streams, and farm nutrient balances. This will be followed by presentations describing management practices to protect the environment and improve relations with local communities. Manure handling, land application, odors, and nutrient balances will be reviewed as well. The last day of the conference will include presentations on public policy including EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program) and CAFOs (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) and the cost of environmental protection to producers.

On Thursday evening, an informal discussion on environmental concerns and solutions will be held. Speakers and registrants will have the opportunity to voice their concerns, ask questions, and share perspectives concerning the interaction among animal agriculture, the environment, and communities.

A preconference workshop concerning nutrient management software is scheduled for December 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The workshop will begin with a comparative review of twelve nutrient management software packages. Then, four software packages will be reviewed in-depth followed by a discussion session. The packages that will be discussed are: Cornell's nutrient

management software, Penn State's nutrient management software, Farm Works' map-based nutrient planning software, and Cornell's Net Carbohydrate Protein Model. Attendance is limited to those registered for the conference. The fee for attending the workshop is \$40.

Conference registrants from universities or not-for-profit organizations are invited to bring educational displays or posters on topics related to the conference focus. The poster session will allow conference registrants to share details of successful educational programs, important research, successful farm/community interactions, or environmental improvement programs. The format and time will depend on how many registrants want space for an educational display. A form to request space for a poster or display is available from the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service (NRAES).

The conference is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture — Agricultural Research Service; the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Cornell Cooperative Extension; the New York State Water Resources Institute; the New York State Soil and Water Conservation Committee; the Northeast Dairy Producers Association; and NRAES.

The conference planning committee includes Peter Wright of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering at Cornell University; Don Hilborn of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; Les Lanyon of the Department of Agronomy at the Pennsylvania State University; Michael Toombs of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs; Ron Pitt of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering at Cornell University; and Marty Sailus of NRAES.

The registration fee is \$150 in U.S. funds if postmarked on or before November 22, 1996; \$175 in U.S. funds if postmarked after November 22 and for walk-ins. The fee includes admission to the conference, one lunch, break refreshments, and a copy of the conference proceedings. Checks should be made payable to NRAES. All major credit cards are also accepted. Refunds must be requested by November 22, and there is a \$25 fee to process a refund.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Rochester Marriott Thruway Hotel in Rochester, New York (the conference site) for conference participants. To reserve a room, call the Marriott at (716) 359-1800. Mention "Animal Agriculture" to receive the special conference rate of \$72 for a single

room and \$75 for a double room. Reservations must be made by November 22, 1996 to receive the special conference rate. After that date, the hotel will no longer hold rooms at the conference rate, and reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Conference brochures containing a complete conference program, a registration form, directions to the hotel, and other information are available from NRAES. To order one or more free brochures, contact NRAES, Cooperative Extension, 152 Riley-Robb Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853-5701; phone (607) 255-7654; fax (607) 254-8770; or e-mail nraes@cornell.edu.

## Walnut Growers Set Workshop

DENTON, Md. — All who are interested in the production of walnut trees are invited to a workshop presented by the Maryland Chapter of the Walnut Council in Denton and Preston, Md., Saturday, Oct. 5.

Included in the workshop are a discussion of walnut propagation

and tours of the state tree nursery and the Bartley Collection Ltd., a furniture kit manufacturer.

For information and reservations, contact Bert Thorton, chapter president, (301) 371-8980. The chapter includes members from Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia.

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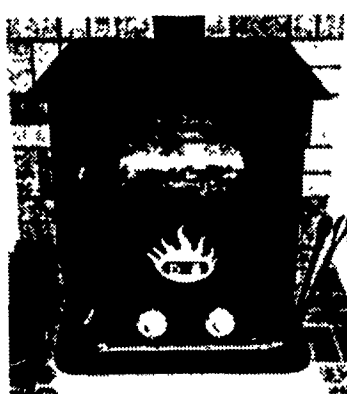


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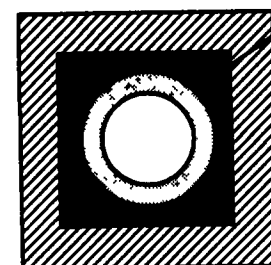


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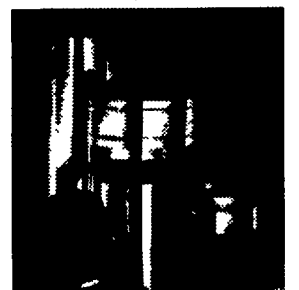
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