

Silage: Field to Feedbunk North American Conference

ITHACA, N.Y. — Silage is a primary component of animal agriculture in temperate climates.

Silage: Field to Feedbunk, a national conference to be held in Hershey, Feb. 11-13, 1997, will focus on this significant agricultural issue.

Thirty-five leading agricultural scientists from North America will discuss all aspects of silage production and utilization. Speakers will include agronomists, agricultural engineers, farm advisers, industry representatives, animal scientists, plant pathologists, dairy nutritionists, and extension educators.

The conference will provide practical guidelines for producers and promote an integrated systems approach to silage production.

Session topics are plant and field issues to meet the challenge, harvesting a high-quality silage (including kernel processing), storage methods, additives management, mycotoxins and spoilage, quality evaluation, and feeding.

Dairy and livestock producers, consultants, industry representatives, veterinarians, extension educators, and university specialists should consider attending this important event. The conference structure will encourage interaction between participants and speakers through discussion periods after every few presentations.

A trade show and reception may be held Feb. 11, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. as part of the conference. A preconference and tour, to be announced, are also being planned.

The conference planning committee included Jud Heinrichs, animal scientist, Penn State University; Greg Roth, Agronomist, Penn State University; Dennis Buckmaster, agricultural engineer, Penn State University; Larry Chase, animal scientist, Cornell University; Janet Fallon, crop specialist, Agway, Inc.; Robert Graves, agricultural engineer, Penn State University; Marvin Hall, agronomist, Penn State University; Rich Lutz, livestock products specialist, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; and Richard Meinert, extension educator, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension.

The registration fee is \$160 in U.S. funds if postmarked on or before Jan. 15; \$190 in U.S. funds if postmarked after Jan. 15 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 Jan. 15, and there is a \$25 fee to process a refund.

The conference will be held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference site for conference participants. To reserve a room, call the Hershey Lodge at (717) 533-3311.

Mention that you are attending the silage conference to receive the special conference rate of \$70 for a single room, \$74 for a double, \$81 for a triple, and \$88 for a quad.

Reservations must be made by

Jan. 15 to receive the special conference rate. After that date, the lodge 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 registered form, directions to the conference site, and other

information will be available from NRAES in early November. 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.

Wayne Selects Extension Board Members

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — Wayne County Extension held its annual meeting and election of board members at the 4-H Achievement Day Program on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

The following persons were elected to serve on the extension board: Lisa Critelli, Kathy Dix, Karen Jaggars, Carol Noble, Warren Schloesser, Warren Sharpe, Amy Theobald, and Marjorie Marshall.

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