

Fruit School In March

KEEDYSVILLE, Md. — The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service has scheduled its Western Maryland Fruit School, a three-day workshop is designed to update the skills of those presently producing fruit and introduce the novice or hobbyist to the potentials of this growing industry. This program will be held on Saturdays, March 8, 15, and 22 at the Western Maryland Research and Education Center (WMREC), Keedysville, Md. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is \$15 per day and \$40 for the entire series and includes all program handout materials.

This year's program includes Tony Wolf from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, grape production, and Gary Pavlis, Rutgers

University, providing his blueberry expertise.

Both classroom and field instruction are to be provided on most fruit crops. Crops include apple, pear, Asian pear, peaches, cherries, nectarines, brambles, strawberries, gooseberries, currants, elderberries, wine and table grapes, and blueberries. Field instruction will include pruning on many of the crops noted and tree grafting.

To keep the cost of the program down, each participant is to bring their own lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Preregistration is required as the total number of participants is limited.

For more information, call either Rick Heflebower at (301) 432-2734 or Steve Bogash at (301) 432-4492.

Bradford County Dairy Day Feb. 17

TOWANDA (Bradford Co.) — Bradford County Dairy Day will be held on Monday, Feb. 17 at the S.R.U. Middle School in East Smithfield, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

All dairy farmers are invited to attend free of charge, but must call Penn State Cooperative Extension in Bradford County at (717) 265-2896 by Wednesday, Feb. 12 to reserve your meal.

This year the featured speaker will be Dr. Robert Yonkers, Penn

State Extension dairy economist on "Dairy Policy - No Longer a Sacred Cow" beginning at 10:30 a.m. Following Yonkers' presentation will be a panel discussion, "Managing with Fluctuating Milk Prices."

There will be two breakout sessions in the afternoon. Dr. Jim Wilcox from Laurel Hill Veterinary Clinic and Jake Guffey, county extension agent will present a program on dry cow care and Mark Madden will present corn

herbicide updates and on-board sprayer cleaners.

Blood pressure, blood sugar, and pulmonary function tests will be run free of charge as well as foot screenings. Cholesterol will be checked for \$5.

A lasagna lunch will be served free of charge courtesy of the agricultural exhibitors who sponsor the event, along with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Bradford County.



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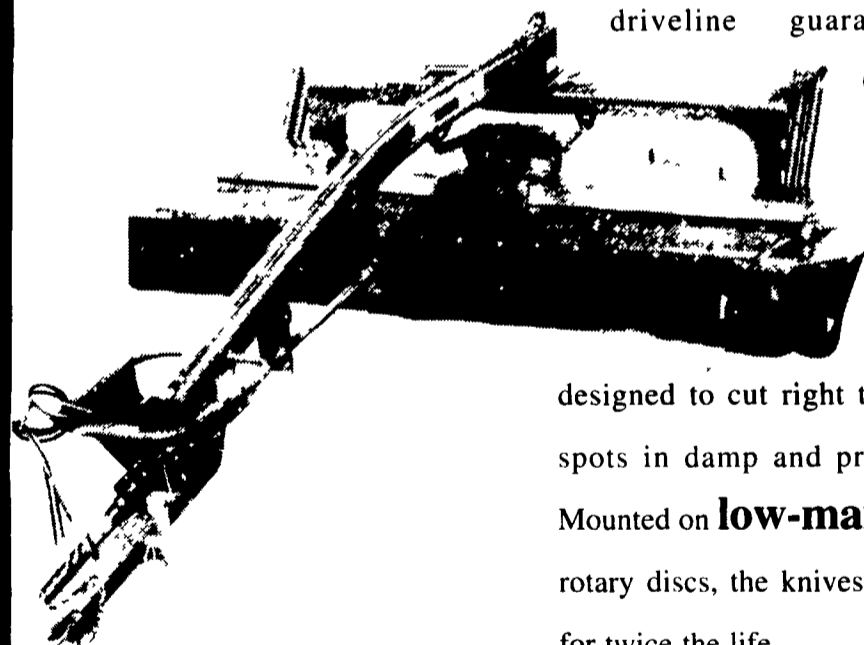
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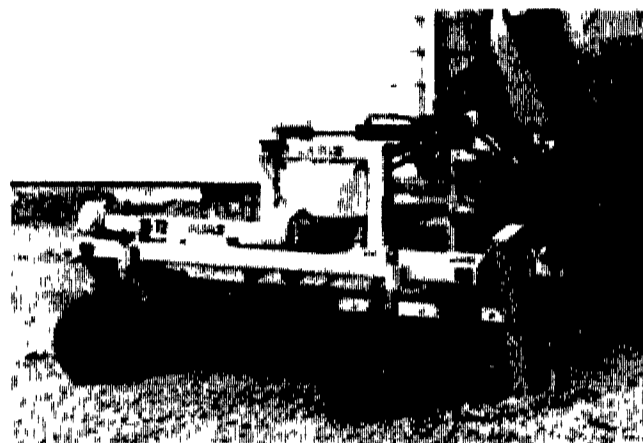
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