## Upper Susquehanna Direct Farm Management Seminar

9:45 a.m Opening Remarks - Tom Murphy, Penn State Cooperative Extension 'Does Anyone Know I'm Here?' Creative ways to attract attention to your market. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Selling to Supermarkets - Why, Where, How, and Who. Local chain representatives 11:00 - 12:00 Noon discuss buying direct from growers. 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Options in Advertising · Who are your customers and how can you reach them? 1.00 - 2:00 p.m. Radio, TV, and Newspaper. What are the costs? Effectiveness? Panel of media discuss 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Dynamic Displays Effective signage, innovative lighting and the best materials and methods to use when constructing an eye appealing display. 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Break Marketing to Local Restaurants How to build the necessary relationships. Is it a 3:15 - 4:00 p.m. market for you? A chef and direct marketer give their perspectives. Note: This meeting was rescheduled from spring 1997. Registration Form: Upper Susquehanna Direct Farm Marketing Seminar Wednesday, January 21, 1998 Quality Inn, Route 15, South Williamsport Name(s) Phone Address Cost \$20.00 per person. Advance registration required and due by January 9, 1998. Lycoming County Cooperative Extension Pleas return check and registration form to:

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT (Lycoming Co.) — A Direct Farm Marketing Seminar is scheduled for the Quality Inn here on Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 9:45 a.m.-4

Direct farm marketing is growing in importance as a way for producers to increase sales and capture a larger share of consumers' dollars.

To address those needs and to look at trends in the marketplace. the seminar will include instructors and representatives from area

restaurants, supermarket chains, media, direct marketers, and Penn State Extension Service.

Segments of the seminar will examine creative ways to attract attention to your market, selling to supermarkets, options in advertising, dynamic displays, and marketing to local restaurants.

Cost for the day is \$20 per person, which includes lunch and all materials. Advance registration is required and is due Jan. 9.

For more information, contact the Lycoming County Cooperative Extension, (717) 327-2350.

# Weather, High Yield Management At Corn, Soybean Conference

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) - At the Pennsylvania Corn and Soybean Conference, scheduled Friday, Feb. 13 here at the Holiday Inn, weather patterns and high yield management are among the topics featured.

Weather patterns and their effects on crop production will be addressed by Paul Knight, Pennsylvania State climatologist. Knight is also known for his cohost role on Weather World, a popular weather television program produced by WPSX TV.

Managing for high yields will be addressed by Dr. Joe Heckman of Rutger's University. Heckman has managed a high-yield corn program at Rutgers for eight years and has regularly achieved yields of more than 250 bushels per acre. Heckman's research has shown responses to some unusual fertilizer nutrients at these high-yield levels.

Conference participants will also hear from Penn State's new dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Robert Steele. Steele will provide an overview of new directions for the college.

Other program highlights will include an overview of the 1997 season from Mark Mattingly, agronomist with Hoffman Seeds, and a discussion of soybean breeding trends from University of Maryland's Dr. Bill Kenworthy.

Dr. Lou Moore from Penn State will provide an outlook on grain markets and prices to wrap up the program.

This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn in Grantville just north of Harrisburg on I-81. Registration, which begins at 9 a.m., is \$15 and is available by calling Lisa Cryster at (814) 865-2543.

The conference is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association, the Pennsylvania Soybean Board, and Penn State Cooperative Extension.

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