Ag Horizons Conference Approaches

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Wildwood Conference Center of the Harrisburg Area Community College will be the setting for the Ninth Age Horizons Conference Tuesday, July 28.

The conference series is sponsored by The Southeast Regional Council of Cooperatives in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives and Penn State University along with area cooperatives.

Professor of Ag Economics at Penn State, Lou Moore, will set the stage for the day-long program which will focus on risk management — using hedging, options and futures to help manage the risk inherent in today's agriculture.

Russell Redding, deputy secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will discuss changing government attitudes toward commodity support. Tommy Walker, marketing manager of the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York, will explain how the exchange functions and how and why to use this form of "risk management."

Dr. James Dunn, professor of ag economics at Penn State, will conduct a hands-on workshop which will provide the attendees with take-home teaching materials. Two associates of the Lehigh Valley Grain Marketing Club — Lehigh County Extension Agent John W. Berry and Keystone Farm Credit, ACA Executive Loan Officer Ricky L. Butz — will illustrate a functioning marketing organization.

The program will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., includes lunch, and is anticipated to conclude at 3:30 p.m. Teachers of ag education, business, and science as well as cooperative extension agents who need information may call Carol Duncan, (610) 693-5601.

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