

Annual Crop Management School Set At Ocean City

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The fourth annual Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School is scheduled Dec. 8-10 in the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel and Conference Center at Ocean City, Md.

While the school is structured to provide training and continuing education credits for certified crop advisers, it is open to anyone wanting to keep abreast of current developments in the realm of pest management, soil fertility, soil and water conservation, and crop management.

The school has been a success since its inception, according to this year's chairperson, Dr. Ronald L. Ritter, cooperative extension weed control specialist at the University of Maryland.

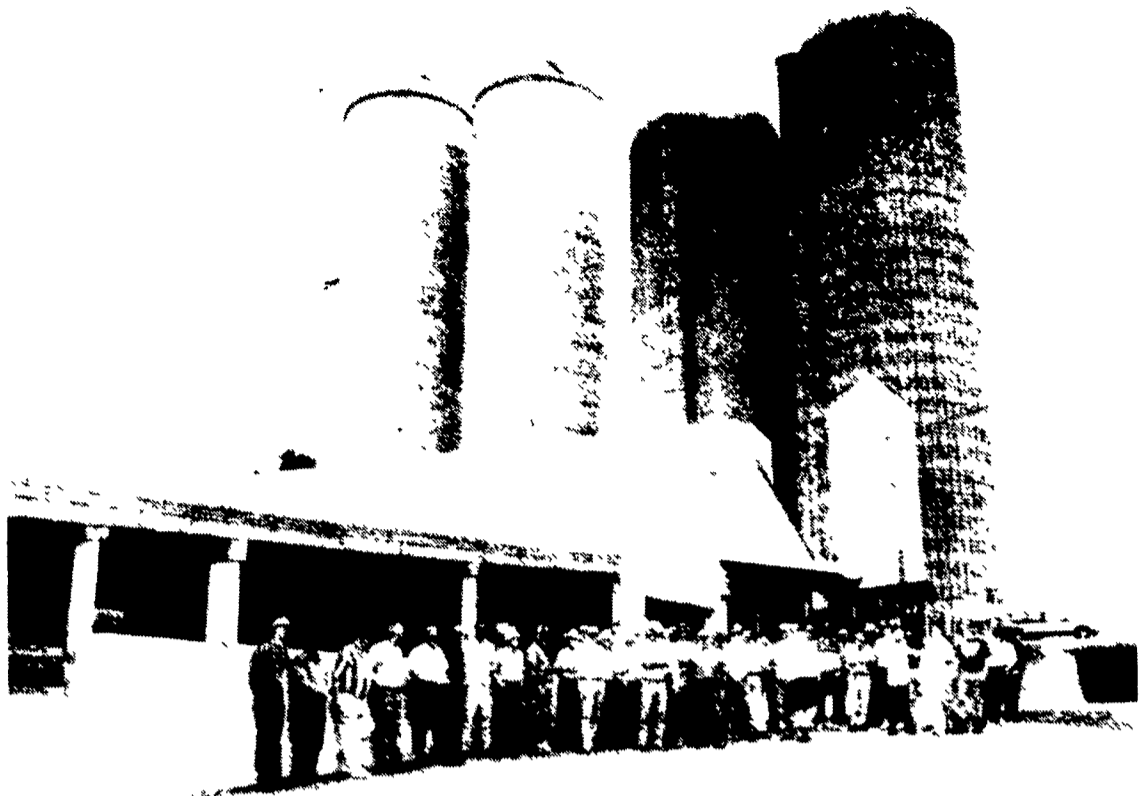
"Every year we try to bring in new speakers for each of our subject-matter categories," Ritter said. "Some sessions are classroom presentations, while others

may involve hands-on training. This year we'll do hands-on training in insect and plant disease identification."

Registration for the crop management school is limited to 150-200 people in order to keep training sessions from getting too large.

Classes will start on the morning of Dec. 8 and finish by noon Dec. 10. With sessions running concurrently, participants in the Certified Crop Adviser program will be able to receive sufficient credits in all four areas of the CCA Primary Performance Objectives. Speakers from several areas of the country are scheduled to appear during the sessions.

Detailed information and registration forms will be available soon. To receive a copy, contact Ritter at (301) 405-1329 or send an e-mail message to rr24@u mail.umd.edu.



Virginia Cattlemen Visit Pennsylvania

SCHOENECK (Lancaster Co.) — A group of 60 Virginia Cattlemen, extension agents, and industry representatives visited eight beef operations and New Holland Sales auction in Southeast Pennsylvania this week. Hank Marcey, the Virginia association president, said the trip was designed to see where Virginia cattle are going and how they are being fed.

"It's more of a customer service trip," Marcey said. "We want to see if our feeder cattle programs are meeting the needs of our customers up here."

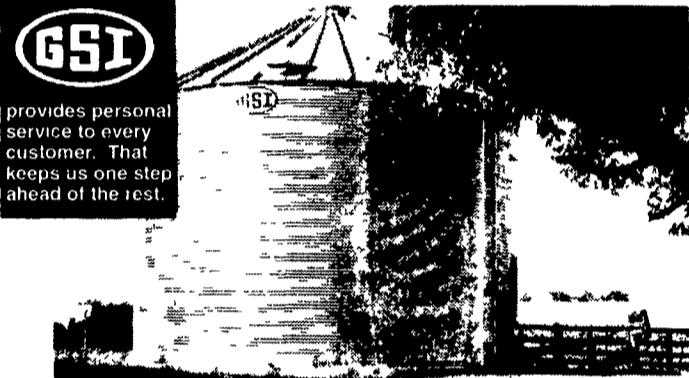
"What we have found is that the people here are wonderful and more than willing to work with us. And their facilities are immaculate. Most of them have been pleased with the cattle they get from us. The kind of cattle that we are breeding to work on grass also seems to be working in the feed lots for market up here."

Reggie Reynolds, executive secretary, said the association represents 18 different local associations and coordinates the efforts to market and promote Virginia cattle.

In the photo, the Virginia group are at the Eugene Martin family farm, Schoeneck where they feed out 4,000 head of cattle each year. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

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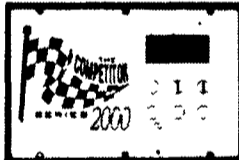
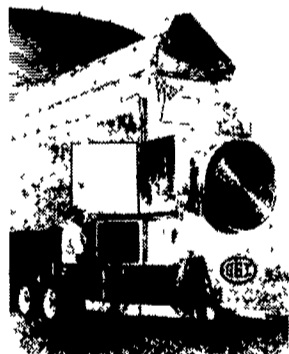


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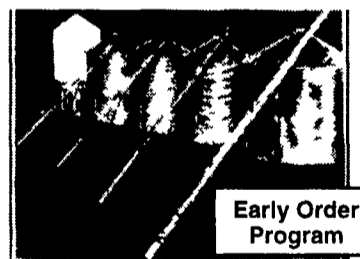
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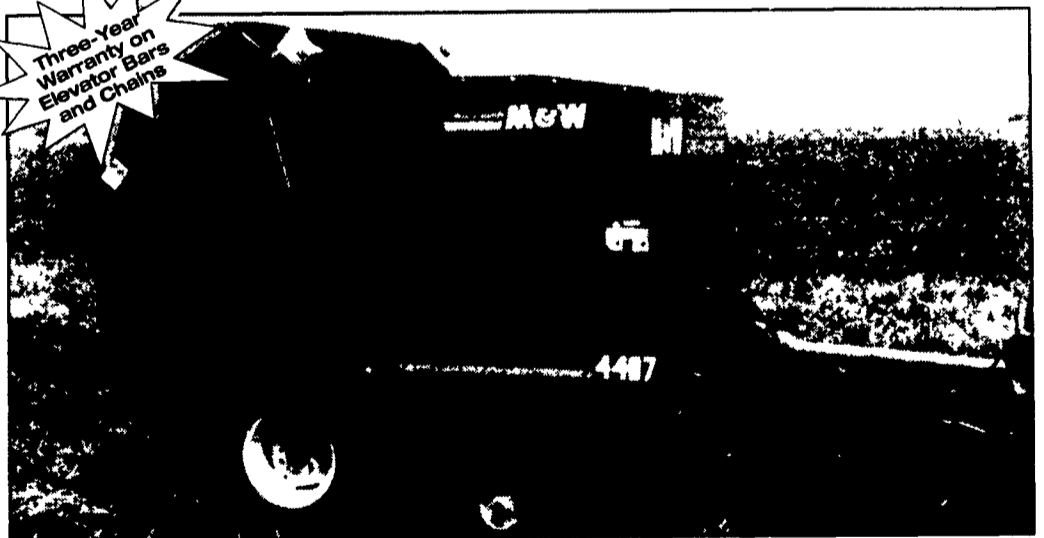


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