

NORCROSS, Ga. - The popular Information Agriculture Conference series will continue with InfoAg99, scheduled August 9-11. Organized by the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI), Foundation for Agronomic Research (FAR), and Purdue University, InfoAg99 will take place at the Stewart Center on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

The 1999 program will focus on adaptation of site-specific technologies and information systems related to crop production. Past conferences, in 1995, 1996, and 1997, provided effective forums which brought together diverse groups in production agriculture. The upcoming conference will feature analysis and interpretation of data and its incorporation into comprehensive nutrient management planning and decision-making, said Dr. Paul E. Fixen, PPI senior vice president and conference planning coordinator.

Component sections of the new Site-Specific Management Guidelines handbook will be presented.

In addition to an agenda of expert speakers and workshop sessions for smaller groups, there will again be an exhibit area where companies and organizations can display new products and services in data management, analysis, and communications technology.

A communications showcase will feature educators demonstrating how communications among the farmer, dealer, landlord, and banker can be improved to better use available resources for more profitable production. A "Cyber-Farm community" will demonstrate the potential of information technology.

The conference is expected to appeal to a cross section of people in agriculture, including top farmers, fertilizer dealers, consultant, certified crop advisors, farm managers, government

agency personnel (particularly Natural Resources Conservation Service), university researchers, teachers, extension specialists, and international participants.

Another key section of the program will highlight aspects of building a business around site-specific systems. Commerce experts will discuss service business opportunities for retailers and consultants. The Cyber-Dealer Workshop returns with a fresh look at putting the pieces together for a business plan.

Registration fee to attend the conference is \$350 per person for payment received by July 10, and \$450 thereafter. More details on registration procedure, exhibitor fees, hotel accommodations, and other information is available at www.ppi-far.org/infoag99, or call (605) 692-6280 or fax (605) 697-7149.

Average Farm Feed Costs For Handy Reference

To help farmers across the state to have handy reference of commodity input costs in their feeding operations for DHIA record sheets or to develop livestock feed cost data, here's last week's average costs of various ingredients as compiled from regional reports across the state of Pennsylvania.

Remember, these are averages, so you will need to adjust your figures up or down according to your location and the quality of your crop.

Corn, No.2y — 2.35 bu., 4.20 cwt.
Wheat, No. 2 — 2.49 bu., 4.16 cwt.
Barley, No. 3 — 1.67 bu., 3.56 cwt.
Oats, No. 2 — 1.47 bu., 4.59 cwt.
Soybeans, No. 1 — 4.43 bu., 7.39 cwt.
Ear Corn — 73.13 ton, 3.66 cwt.
Alfalfa Hay — 105.00 ton, 5.25 cwt.
Mixed Hay — 107.50 ton, 5.37 cwt.
Timothy Hay — 96.75 ton, 4.83 cwt.

Dairyman To Dairyman

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We fed molasses to ward off economic problems related to \$7 corn. What surprised us was that molasses kept our diet together and helped even out production and components from one

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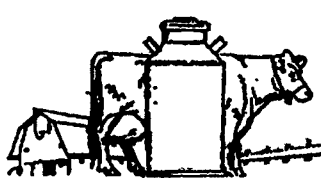
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