

Extension Sets Important Meetings

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needs, and take an optional tour. The conference is scheduled Feb. 1-3 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel and Convention Center, Camp Hill.

• **Small Business Institute.** This institute is designed for progressive farmers who are interested in sharpening their business management skills. It consists of four sessions with focus on leading your business and evaluation the "Sweet 16" business plans, enterprise accounting, and managing employees for peak performance.

Lancaster dates are Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24. Return the enclosed form.

• **Training Farm Workers.** Two labor training workshops have been designed for progressive dairymen to help training them and their labor crews. The training is scheduled March 16, milking crews, in Franklin County, and training the feeding workforce, March 23 in Lancaster County. For more information and registration form, return the enclosed form.

• **Pennsylvania Forage and Grazing Conference and Trade Show,** March 1-2 in Grantville.

Topics include Forgey's eight years of grazing experience, marketing opportunities, niche markets, harvesting equipment, pasture establishment and management, and more. For more information, return the enclosed form.

Other upcoming events include the Lancaster County extension annual meeting Feb. 3, dairy reproduction meeting Feb. 11, Lancaster Dairy Days Feb. 15 and Feb. 29, and dairy biosecurity Feb. 23.

For more information, call Shirk at (717) 394-6851.



Extension Specialist Elected

NEWARK, Del. — Ed Kee, cooperative extension specialist for vegetable crops for the University of Delaware, has been elected president of the North America Pulse Crop Improvement Association. "A pulse is an edible legume crop such as peas, soybeans and peanuts," said Kee.

"Legumes interact at the molecular level with the bacterium *Rhizobium* ('living root'), which allows the plant to take nitrogen from the air and use it in the same manner as nitrogen from the soil," he said. "The relationship between the plant and the bacterium is a mutually beneficial relationship: the bacteria supply the plant with

nitrogen and the plant provides the bacteria with carbohydrates and other organic compounds."

The Pulse Crop Improvement Association primarily represents the seed industry and the research community throughout North American, said Kee, who has served on the board for four years and just finished a term as vice president and program chair.



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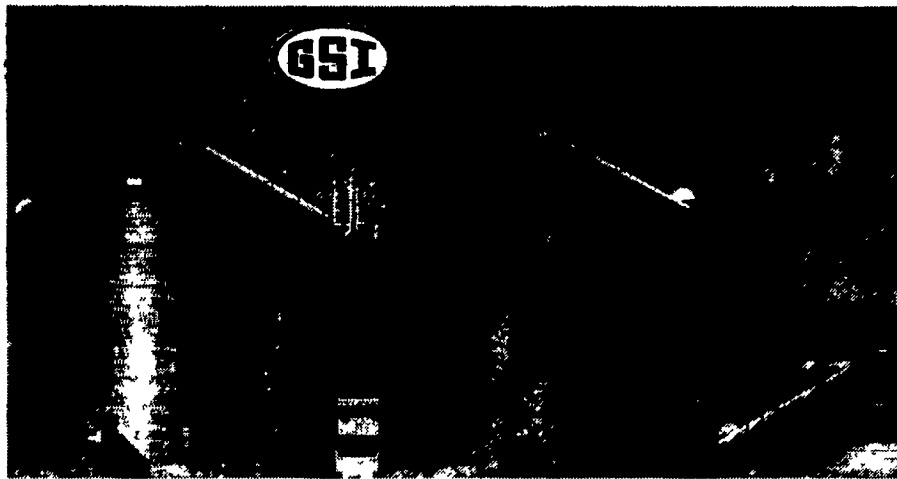
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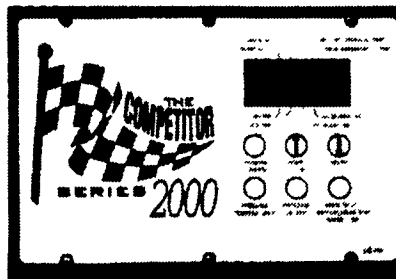


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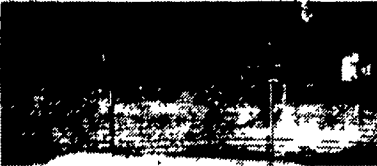
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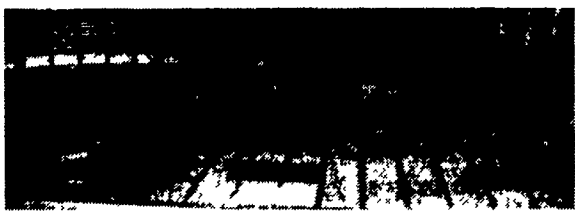


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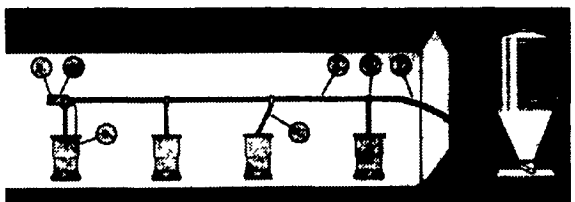


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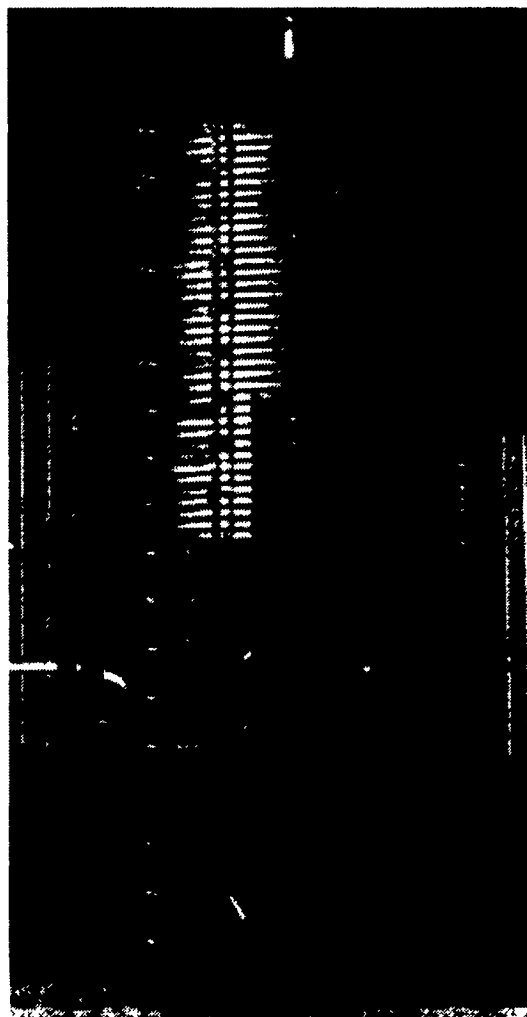
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