

# Registration Open For Information Agriculture Conference Aug. 7-9

NORCROSS, Ga. — The Information Agriculture Conference series will continue with InfoAg 2001 scheduled for Aug. 7, 8 and 9. Organized by the Potash and Phosphate Institute (PPI), Potash and Phosphate Institute of Canada (PPIC), and the Foundation for Agronomic Research (FAR), InfoAg 2001 will take place at the Adam's Mark Hotel at the Indianapolis Airport in central Indiana.

"The Information Agriculture conference has become a fixture for some key audiences who see the essential link between modern, progressive agriculture and the need to harness the power of

information management," notes Dr. Paul E. Fixen, PPI Senior Vice President. "Some important cooperators will be partnering with us in 2001. Meister Publishing (Farm Chemicals and Cyber-Dealer magazines) will handle the CyberDealer sessions during the conference. Prairie Farmer magazine of the Farm Progress Companies group will also be working with us to develop farmer-oriented sessions."

The conference is supported in part through a grant from the USDA-CSREES Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems (IFAFS) program.

Previous Information Agricul-

ture conferences in 1995, 1996, 1997, and 1999 were highly successful in bringing together leaders and early adopters of site-specific management practices and other important developments. Attendees represent a cross section of people in agriculture and related work, including farmers, fertilizer dealers, consultants, Certified Crop Advisers (CCAs), farm managers, government agency personnel, university researchers, teachers, Extension specialists, and international participants.

Dr. Harold F. Reetz, PPI Midwest Director, serves as conference planning coordinator. Program features are being planned

in several major components: Economics/Farm Management; Data Analysis/Tools; Site-Specific Nutrient Management; and Communications/Environment. As with previous Information Agriculture Conferences, an exhibit area will also be open to attendees. Exhibitor fees are \$500 per booth, with a maximum of two spaces per company or organization.

The registration fee for InfoAg 2001 is \$350 per person if received by July 15, but it increases to \$450 thereafter.

More details of the program and exhibitor information will be available soon. For hotel accommodations, individuals should

contact Adam's Mark (Airport) at (317) 248-2481; the conference rate for rooms is \$101 per night.

Access current information and updates about the conference at [www.ppi-far.org/infoag](http://www.ppi-far.org/infoag), call (605) 692-6280, or fax (605) 697-7149.

## Penn State Limits Access To Livestock Research Farms

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — As a precautionary measure to protect against foot and mouth and other contagious foreign animal diseases, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences has implemented a new biosecurity policy for all farm units housing livestock. Effective immediately, visits to university dairy, beef, swine, sheep, deer and equine facilities will be by appointment only.

All entrances to the restricted facilities will be posted. Appointments to visit the facilities may be requested by contacting the College of Agricultural Sciences at (814) 865-1362 or by sending an e-mail to [coas-visits@lists.psu.edu](mailto:coas-visits@lists.psu.edu).

Managers of the restricted farm units will interview potential visitors to determine the purpose of the visit. They also will request information to determine whether any of the visitors may have been in direct or indirect contact with any traveler from a

country with confirmed cases of foot and mouth or other contagious foreign animal diseases.

Other steps, including protective clothing and restrictions on direct contact with animals will be implemented as appropriate for visitors who are cleared. All affected farm unit employees have been trained in the biosecurity protocols for handling and care of livestock.

This policy will be in effect until further notice. New guidelines will be issued if and when conditions warrant.

More information on foot and mouth disease is available at the College of Agricultural Sciences foot and mouth disease information center on the Web at <http://fmd.cas.psu.edu>.

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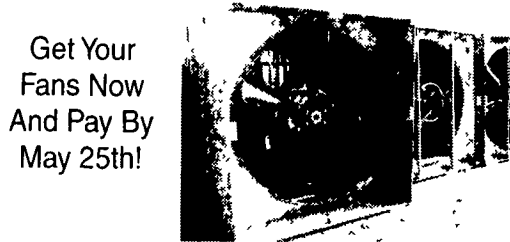


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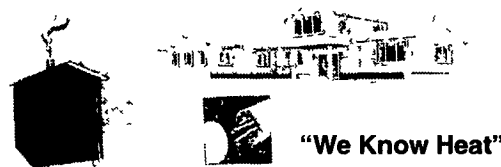
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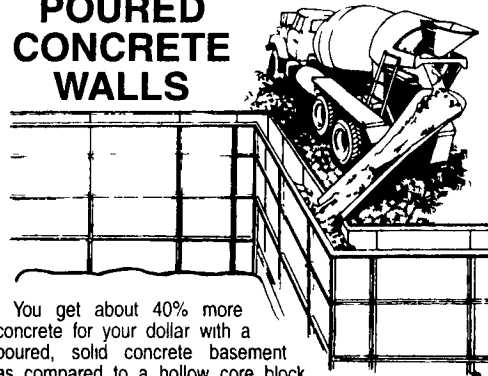
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