



# CORN TALK

## Farm Calendar

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**Maryland Grain Marketing Meeting, Dutch Family Restaurant, Millington, Md., 7 a.m.**

**Farming With Technology Workshop and Exhibits, Weaver's Banquet Hall, Adamstown, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Ag Service School, Meadville, contact Joel Hunter, (814)**

333-7460.

**Ag Service School, Somerset, contact Don Fretts, (724) 438-0111.**

**Ag Service School, Williamsport, contact Tom Murphy, (570) 433-3040.**

2003

**Keystone Farm Show, York Fairgrounds, thru Jan. 9.**

**National No-Till Conference, Indianapolis, Ind., (800) 645-8455.**

**Pa. Farm Show, Farm Show Complex, thru Jan. 18.**

**PAES Lime Fertilizer and Pesticide Conference, University Park, (814) 234-8771.**

**Tri-State Tillage Conference, Radisson Hotel, West Middlesex, (814) 333-7460.**

**Southeast Pa. Crops Conference, Montgomery County 4-H Center.**

**Corn/Soybean Conference, Grantville, (814) 865-2543.**



## CORN BITS

### Happenings In Other States

The Maryland Grain Checkoff Program was approved for another five years when it passed by an 85 percent margin in a referendum.

The mandatory checkoff states that a farmer must pay an assessment of one-half of one percent (.5 percent) to be collected on the net value of each bushel of grain sold. Funding is used for education, research, and market development. The board appropriates most of the approximately \$450,000 collected annually to provide grants to carry out these activities.

One of the grants awarded in 2001 was to conduct a study on the feasibility of a small grains ethanol plant in Maryland.

Illinois Governor George H. Ryan announced in mid-August that he is releasing \$280,000 in Illinois first funding to the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) to support the startup of a new farmer-owner ethanol production facility in Lena. The state already has dedicated about \$3 million in state support for the plant, which will use an estimated 14.5 million bushels of corn every year.

ICGA will assist the Adkins Energy Cooperative — a farmer-owned venture — in the development of a state-of-the-art, \$68 million production facility that will produce 40 million gallons of ethanol every year.

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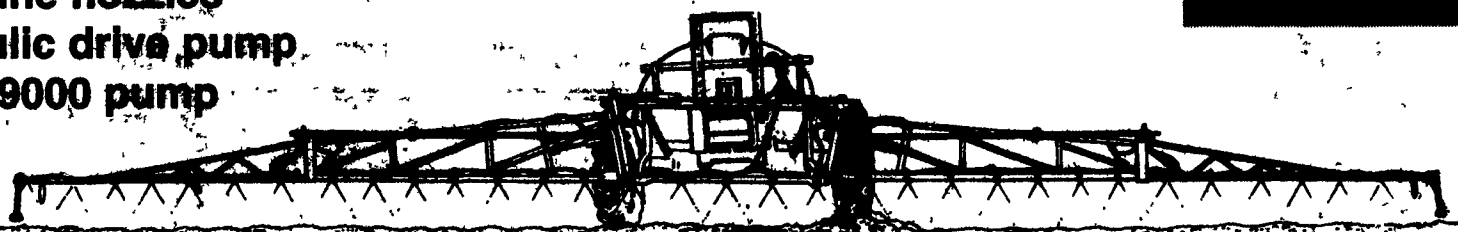
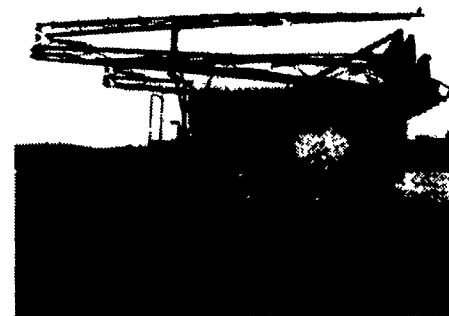
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