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and wine grapes. Half-day sessions on sweet corn, alliums (onions, garlic, and leeks), beans, wholesale marketing, labor and legal issues, potatoes, and greenhouse vegetables will be offered.

On the second day, full-day sessions on peaches, tree fruits, direct marketing, greenhouse ornamentals (bedding plants and perennials), and potatoes will be featured. Also scheduled are half-day sessions on small fruit, weed control, irrigation, wine grapes, and wildlife management.

The convention will close on the third day with full-day sessions on tree fruits, small fruit, tomatoes (covering both fresh and processing topics), and cut flowers. Half-day sessions on peaches, pumpkins, and fall ornamentals, vine crops, organic vegetables will also be offered.

Many pesticide applicator update training credits are available to growers attending the sessions. The program covers nearly every aspect of fruit, vegetable, potato, and small fruit production. Commercial growers should not pass up this educational opportunity.

On Feb. 4, fruit and vegetable growers will be treated to a reception followed by the annual fruit and vegetable growers dinner. The dinner will include awards, recognitions, and entertainment.

On Feb. 5, the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board and the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association will each sponsor evening receptions for growers. The processing tomato growers with the highest yields for the 2002 season will be honored at the annual Tomato Award Luncheon on the closing day, Feb. 6.

For more information on the fruit program and registration, contact Maureen Irvin, State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, (717) 677-4184 or www.shaponline.org; William Tietjen, New Jersey State. Horticultural Society, (908) 475-6505 or www.cccnj.net/(tilde)njshs/; or Robert Black, Maryland State Horticultural Society, (301) 271-7491.

For more information on the vegetable, potato or greenhouse ornamental program and registration, contact William Troxell, Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, (717) 694-3596 or www.pvga.org.

Persons registered for either the fruit or vegetable program can attend all the sessions offered (fruit, vegetable, and small fruit sessions) plus the trade show. Registration either through the mail or at the door is required to attend both the trade show and educational sessions.

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