January Ag Notes and Winter Meetings

These are educational meetings that we are offering in 2002 to provide you information that may help your business. ** indicates new information or that action is needed.

Jan 9 to 11 - Delaware Vegetable Meeting Harrington Fair Ground. See December Ag Notes for program details or call your county office.

Jan 15 (Harrington) or 16 (Laurel) Risk Management with new developments in Insurance

Jan 17, Pesticides and the Public: How Applicators Can Respond To Public Concern With Pesticide Use. Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue, rt. 8, Dover DE

Jan 17 – “Options on Futures” A Mini Workshop – 7 to 9pm - Kent County Extension office A two-hour session covering the basic uses of options on futures for farmers. Topics include the establishment of minimum selling prices, maintaining “staying power” in the market (buying calls to replace storage, or to protect the deficiency payment). - Carl German, University of Delaware

Jan 21 - "Grain Marketing Strategies Conference" - 9 a.m. to noon - Kent County Extension Office
"The Situation and Outlook for U.S. Soybeans" - Don Carlson, ConAgra-Peavey Grain, Townsend, DE
"The Situation and Outlook for U.S. Wheat and Small Grains" - Charlie Stubbs, SSC, Richmond
"The Situation and Outlook for U.S. Corn" - Carl German, University of Delaware
"Crop Revenue Coverage" - Don Clifton, Farmers First Services, Inc
"Farm Program Update" - Robin Talley, FSA, Dover

**Jan 24 – Delaware Agronomic Day (jointly sponsored by the Delaware Crop Improvement Association) 8 am to 2 pm. Call your county extension office by Jan 18th to make lunch reservation (your cost for lunch is $5, the rest of the cost is being picked up by the sponsors and exhibitors). Harrington Fairgrounds.
Featuring – Joanne Whalen – What is best control method or methods for you manage your corn insects? (1 pesticide credit)
Mark Van Gessel – Glyphosate-resistant horseweed and soybean weed control - trying to make sense (or cents) of it all. (1 credit)
A Panel – What about these new grain marketing choices? Ethanol, soy diesel, etc
Bob Mulrooney – An old pest rebounds to present new problems
**Jan 25 “Women in Agriculture” – Modern Maturity Center, Dover, De**
The program follows the Friend of Agriculture – see enclosed program.

**Jan 30 Eighth Annual Delmarva Agricultural Safety and Heath Conference**
**Capital Grange Hall, Dover, De – 8a.m. to noon.** Call your extension office to reserve lunch. Topics include occupational health issues, pesticide safety, reducing liabilities, generators and workplace safety. There will be free health screening from 7:30 to 8:30.

**Feb 5 Lower Shore Commercial Pesticide Re-certification**
Delmarva Convention Center, $40 registration by Feb 1st. Contact Ginny Rosenkranz for more information at 1-410-749-6141.

**Feb 7 – Farm Equipment Workshop - Harrington Fair Grounds**
Hands on demonstrations and useful information in the following sessions:
- Tractor Performance – weighting ballasting and tire pressures for optimum performance.
- Planter Calibration – Proper setup and adjustment classes from several planter manufacturers.
- Ripper/Deep tillage – A comparison of several ripper configurations regarding effectiveness and power requirements with visual demos.
- Combine setup and calibration – experts from several manufacturers.
- Equipment on display from John Deere, Case IH, New Holland, White, CAT, Monosem, Kinze, DMI and many others.

**Feb 9 - The 18th Delmarva Forestry Seminar at Polytech Adult Education Center in Woodside, Delaware.** This year's theme: "Forestry ... How it is all Connected". The Seminar participants will gain a broad awareness of the many aspects of the forest. Registration will begin at 8:30 am, followed by a morning of presentations surrounding urban forest concepts, wildlife management, early succession conservation efforts, and forest ecology. Lunch will be served in the 'Looking Glass Restaurant' located just outside the auditorium. Afternoon sessions will give participants a chance to gather in smaller groups for resource specific classes on: conservation easements, forest tax issues, marketing and selling timber, deer management, Christmas trees and agroforestry, urban forests on the Delmarva Peninsula, invasive species in the forest, backyard wildlife and financial programs available for forest management. Registration is $20 per person until Jan 30. $25.00 per person after January 30, 2002. For more information contact: Dot Abbott-Donnelly, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension, 69 Transportation Circle, Dover, Delaware 19901. Telephone: (302) 730-4000.

**Feb 11 – Marketing with a crop insurance to lock in yield and price – DDA Dover, De. 9 am to 3:30.** Dr. Art Barnaby from Kansas State will discuss combining a crop insurance program with marketing program to improve your income.

**Feb 13 - Delmarva Dairy**
Day at the Hartly Fire Hall. Dr. David Kohl will speak on business issues. Other tentative topics include Dr. Bob Dyer on respiratory
disease management, an Introduction into Dairy Quality Management, a USDA representative talking on changes in AI and DHI, and an introduction into the “Top Dairy” financial

Feb 22 – Governor’s Conference – Modern Maturity Center, Dover – 7:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Topics: Bio-security on the Farm and “Livable Delaware”

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT CLASSES – SUSSEX COUNTY
Sign up to take Session I with Jeanie Johnson or Sydney Young by calling 856-7303. You have to complete Session I before you can take Session II or III. Call to get dates for Sessions II and III, if you need either of them.

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Alert - Seeds delivered through the US Postal Service will be killed, if they go through the E-beam treatment process to kills anthrax spores. The private carriers are currently not using E-beam technology.