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JANUARY AG NEWS From Sussex County

Winter Meetings and Events – Included is a list of the agricultural programs that may be of interest to you. Please mark these dates on your calendar. All of the meetings are open to anyone interested in the subject matter. If you have any special needs (hearing impaired, etc.) to participate, please contact me so I can make arrangements.

Nutrient Management Credits – We have set up meetings so you can start earning your nutrient management credits. Poultry growers (nutrient generators) who do not use their own manure or poultry growers who do handle manure, should attend one of these meetings. The first nutrient management credits (3) are the same for both groups. These 3 credits can be earned by participating in one of the large group meetings.

The poultry growers who do not handle the manure (nutrient generators) can earn the other three credits (6 total credits) at one of the small group sessions beginning later in February. If you bring your records to this second session you will probably be able to complete your waste management plan before you leave. You can sign up for one of the sessions at completion of the 1st three credits.

The poultry growers who apply the manure to land will need to earn a total of 9 credits; these credits can be earned by attending 2 small group sessions designed to meet your needs. After completion of the 1st three credits you may signup for the next session.

It is very important that we prove to the regulatory agencies that we can voluntarily meet the requirements of the nutrient management program.

Nutrient Management Workshops- 1st 3 credits-

**January 26 – 9:00 a.m. to noon- University of Delaware
REC, Georgetown**

January 29 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.- University of Delaware REC

January 30 – 9:00 to noon –University of Delaware REC

February 6 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Gumboro Fire hall

February 9 – 9:00 to noon – Greenwood VFW

February 14 – 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. – Ellendale Fire hall

Call 856-7303 to signup for a nutrient management workshop. Seating is limited at each location. Winter meetings may be cancelled because of bad weather. Listen to your local radio stations or call the Extension office.

Grain Marketing Update – January 8, Kent County Extension office
(see enclosed program)

Delaware Vegetable Growers Meeting – January 11& 12, Felton Fire Hall

**Delaware Pesticide Conference – January 30, Modern Maturity Center,
Dover DE**

Farm Safety- January 31, Capital Grange, Dover

**Disposal of unwanted pesticides and hazardous waste – Saturday, February 3 at the
Jones Crossroad Solid Waste Authority**

Delmarva Ag Expo – February 13 –14, Salisbury, MD
(see the farm papers for program details and ticket information)

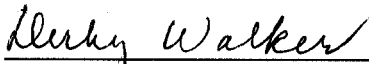
Delaware Agronomic Crop Day – February 22, Harrington, DE

Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference – March 9, Harrington Fairgrounds

Survey by Laurie Wolinski – Laurie is asking for your help in determining how much information or number of times you use the Internet to obtain information. If you are using the Internet for information, please help Laurie with this project. See the enclosed flyer for details.

Making money with trees. I have also included information of the DDA Forestry Section on how they can assist you in determining how to best use your forested land.

Have safe and happy holiday season with your friends and family. A lot of accidents happen at this time of year because we get distracted by all of the activities. Christmas fires, falls and car accidents are very common events that can be avoided by taking the time to look and do things safely. Beware of people mixing drugs or alcohol with driving or operating power equipment.



Derby Walker
Extension Agent, Agriculture

GRAIN MARKETING STRATEGIES CONFERENCE

January 8, 2000

Paradee Center
Route 13
Dover, DE

- 9:00 a.m. "The Situation and Outlook for U.S. Soybeans, Oilseeds, and Meal"
Ben George
Chicago Board of Trade
Chicago, Illinois
- 9:45 a.m. Break - coffee and danish
- 10:00 a.m. "The Situation and Outlook for U.S. Wheat and Barley"
Charlie Stubbs
Southern States Grain Marketing
Richmond, Virginia
- 10:30 a.m. "The Situation and Outlook for U.S. Corn"
Carl German
University of Delaware
Newark, DE
- 11:00 a.m. "Farm Program Update"
Robin Talley
Farm Service Agency
Dover, Delaware
- 11:30 a.m. "Open Forum on Grain Marketing"
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

A \$10.00 registration fee will be collected at the door to help defray costs. Checks should be made payable to the University of Delaware.

~ Attention Ag Crop Producers ~

On-Line Crop Analysis WebForm and Web Survey

A research project supported by the U of DE College of Agriculture,
Dept. of Food & Resource Economics

I would like to invite you to take part in an on-line research project. I am interested in learning how well Web-based information delivery is received among Ag Producers.

I have set-up a web site for you to visit. The web site has two main parts. The first part is a Crop Analysis Form. It is designed to calculate your costs & returns for your field crops (**Please note, I will not include any data from the Crop Analysis WebForm as part of my research.**) The second part is the survey or Feedback Form. The information from the Feedback Form **will be** used in the research project. The survey or Feedback Form involves evaluating the Crop Analysis WebForm, and also answering questions about your farm and record keeping practices, as well as some more general questions.

- **Who should participate?** Agriculture Crop Producers
- **What do you need?** A computer and access to the Internet
- **Where do you find the survey?** On the Internet ...
Go to: www.udel.edu/FREC/lqw (type address exactly as shown)
- **Who gets the information?** After completing the WebForm and submitting the completed Feedback Form, the information gets sent to me, Laurie Wolinski. I am graduate student at the U of DE in the College of Agriculture, Dept of Food & Resource Economics

I hope that you will take a few minutes to complete this survey. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback in helping me to complete my research project. If you have any questions, please call me at 302-697-4000.

All information that is submitted will be treated confidentially.



DELAWARE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

BEEKEEPING SHORT COURSE

The Delaware Beekeepers Association, in cooperation with the Delaware Dept. of Agriculture, and the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service, will host a two day "Beginner Beekeeper Short Course" on February 17, 2001, and April 14, 2001. The course will be held at S & S Apiaries, 3619 Bayside Drive, Dover, DE.

This course is designed to provide practical information to individuals or families who are interested in the art and science of beekeeping. The course will provide information on honey bee biology and the basic management techniques necessary to insure healthy and productive honey bee colonies. Topics will include the proper care, use, and assembly of beekeeping equipment, Honey bee disease prevention and identification, honey production, crop pollination, and more. There will be a "hands-on" opportunity in the apiary, as well as illustrated lectures, discussion, and opportunity for "one-on-one" instruction.

Instructors will include many DE Beekeepers Association members, Dr. Dewey Caron, U of DE Extension Apiculturist, Robert Mitchell, DE Dept. of Agriculture State Apiarist, and Jeffery A. Brothers, DE Dept. of Agriculture Survey Entomologist.

The course will begin at 9:30 A.M. and conclude at 4:30 P.M. each day. Lunch served at 12:00 Noon. For information on cost and registration fees contact one of the persons listed below.

For additional information, please contact:

Mr. John Tulloch P.O. Box 473, Odessa, DE 19730	(302)378-1917
Mr. Warren Seaver 3619 Bayside Drive, Dover, DE 19901	(302)674-8969
Dr. Dewey Caron Dept. of Entomology and Applied Ecology University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717-1303	(302)831-2526
Robert Mitchell or Jeff Brothers DE Dept. of Agriculture 2320 S.DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901-5515	(302)739-4811 (800)282-8685



"Cost Share and Assistance Programs for the Delaware Farming Community"

A Coastal Decision-Maker Workshop

On Wednesday February 21, 2001, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the St. Jones Reserve Center, the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve will be hosting a Coastal Decision-Maker Workshop entitled "Cost Share and Assistance Programs for the Delaware Farming Community." We invite you to take part in this free informational session so that you may become more aware of programs available to assist you in the implementation of conservation practices on your farm. Registration is required and space is limited so please fill out and return the enclosed registration card to reserve your seat. If you have any questions please call (302)739-3436.

Agenda

- 9:30 Opening remarks
- 9:30-10:30 *The Current Status of the State Nutrient Management Program (SNMP)*
Mr. Bill Rohrer, Program Administrator of the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission
- 10:30-10:40 Break
- 10:40-11:30 *Educational Opportunities with the University of Delaware*
Mr. Gordon Johnson, Kent County Extension Agent, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension
- 11:30-12:30 Catered Lunch
- 12:30-2:00 *State and Federal Conservation Cost Share and Assistance Programs through USDA Service Centers*
Mr. Tim Riley, District Manager, Kent County Conservation District
Mr. Tom Wiltbank, District Conservationist, Kent County, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Mr. Greg Hudson, County Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
Mr. Jack Lakatosh, District Conservationist, New Castle County Natural Resources Conservation Service
Mr. Eric Beuhl, District Manager, Sussex County Conservation District
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-2:45 *Tax Ditch Best Management Practices and Wetlands Restoration Construction Techniques*
Mr. Tom Barthelmeh, Program Manager, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Drainage Section
- 2:45 Closing Remarks

GOT TREES ???

CALL US !!!

Do you own forest land? Would you like advice on how to manage it? The Delaware Department of Agriculture Forest Service (DDAFS) has professional foresters who can help you manage your woodlot to its fullest potential. What's more, our experience and knowledge is available to all Delawareans free!!! Upon request, we gladly will make a "woods call" to your property, where we will review your woodlot, and discuss your objectives for the property. Then, based on your ideas, we will work with you to manage your forest to achieve these objectives (whether they are wildlife habitat improvement, recreation/aesthetics, or income from timber sales).

Are you considering a timber harvest for your woodland? The quality of this harvest will determine the success of the next crop of trees. Additionally, hardwood forests and pine forests usually require different types of harvests in order to properly regenerate. Our foresters can help plan your timber harvest so that it maximizes your income and successfully begins the next crop of trees. We will also work with you and the logger to ensure Best Management Practices (BMP's) such as maintaining buffers along streams, are followed to protect water quality.

Tree seedlings of many species are available through the DDAFS cooperative relationship with the Maryland Forest Service tree nursery in Preston, MD. These seedlings are available for large reforestation projects or smaller projects such as windbreaks and buffers. Depending on availability of funds, cost share assistance is often available to help defray part of the cost of some forestry practices, such as tree planting and timber stand improvement activities. Your local forester can help you with seedlings and cost shares.

DDAFS foresters can be contacted through the following offices or telephone numbers:

New Castle County:	Blackbird State Forest 502 Blackbird Forest Road Smyrna, DE 19977	302/653-6505
Kent County:	Delaware Dept. of Agriculture 2320 South DuPont Highway Dover, DE 19901	302/739-4811 or 800/282-8685 (in state only)
	Taber State Forest Office 1953 Burrsville Road Harrington, DE 19952	302/349-0158
Sussex County:	Redden State Forest	302/856-2893