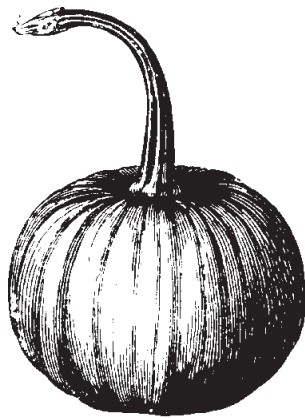


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Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention and Trade Show

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Nearly 1,800 persons, mostly fruit and vegetable growers, from throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey and other states are expected to gather at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center for the 2007 Mid-Atlantic Fruit Convention. This year's convention will be at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA on January 30, 31, and February 1, 2007. The event is jointly sponsored by the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, the Maryland Horticultural Society and the New Jersey State Horticultural Society.

The Great American Hall will host a trade show with over 170 exhibitors. Specialized horticultural equipment, farm merchandise, and packaging, will be on display along with information on the seed varieties, packaging, fruit varieties, pesticides, farm market supplies and other supplies and services for the commercial grower. Six or more concurrent educational sessions will be offered for three days of the Convention.

Many pesticide applicator update-training units will be available to growers attending sessions. The program covers nearly every aspect of fruit, vegetable, potato and small fruit production. As usual, an all day session on Tuesday will focus on wine grapes.

Commercial growers should not pass up this terrific educational opportunity. Program and registration forms will be posted in future newsletters and mailings and on the RCE calendar at: www.gloucester.rce.rutgers.edu or are available by contacting Bill Tietjen at 908- 475-6505.

For information on exhibiting at the trade show, please contact: Maureen Irvin, State Horticultural Society of Pennsylvania – (717) 677-4184 or shap@supernet.com. 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 through the mail or at the door is required to attend both the trade show and the convention. Contact Bill Tietjen or Jerry Frecon at 856-307-6450 Ext 1 for more information. □

People in Agriculture: Human Resource Management for Agricultural Advisors

From berry farms to dairy farms, managing employees is one of the greatest challenges for agricultural businesses of all kinds. Educators and agribusiness advisors often see their farm clients struggling with employee management but feel uncomfortable assisting them with the subject. People in Agriculture is designed to equip farm advisors with practical knowledge and tools that they can use to help their clients become better human resource managers. People in Agriculture is an integrated set of learning experiences: seminars, farm tours, and follow-up discussion groups. Participants will develop practical skills that will add value to their client relationships as they assist farmers to overcome one of their most vexing challenges.

Seminar dates and locations:

November 13 – 14, 2006
Lebanon, New Hampshire

April 25 – 26, 2007
West Henrietta, NY

May 1 -2, 2007
Lancaster, PA

For more information, go to:

<http://www.uvm.edu/~nesare/people%20in%20ag.pdf>

or contact Penn State Dairy Alliance, 324 Henning Building, University Park, PA 16802

Co-sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension Dairy Alliance, Cornell University Cooperative Extension and NESARE. □

Soils and Human Health Symposium

A symposium on Soils and Human Health will be held on Wednesday November 15, 2006 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The symposium will explore a wide range of connections between soils and health including mineral nutrition, heavy metals, livestock grazing vs. confinement, global dust, deserts and human social behavior, nature contact for physiological well being, and history of organic and holistic theories. The symposium was organized by the Council on History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Soil Science and is sponsored by the Soil Science Society of America. The complete symposium program list of speakers, titles and abstracts can be viewed on the web:

<http://a-c-s.confex.com/crops/2006am/techprogram/S2890.HTM>

The public is welcome to attend the symposium but registration is required:

<http://www.acsmeetings.org/registration/>

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