



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15 is the deadline for abstracts of 300 words or less for papers for *Great Plains Animal Waste Conference on Confined Animal Production and Water Quality*, to be held in Denver, CO, October 19-21, 1994; contact Dr. John Nienaber, Chairman Organizing Committee, U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, P.O. Box 166, Clay Center, NE 68933-0166; (402)762-4274.

November 18-20, *1993 Acres USA Conference* will be held in Kansas City, MO; contact Acres USA, PO Box 9547, Kansas City, MO 64133; (816) 737-0064.

November 19-20, *Fourth Annual Rural Women's Conference* will be held in Hutchinson, KS; contact Linda Hessman, Catholic Rural Life Office, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801; (316)227-1535 or Char Henton, FACTS, 1-800-321-3276.

December 2-3, *North American Grazing Conference* will be held in Jackson, MS; contact Carolyn Thornton, The Stockman Grass Farmer, PO Box 9608, Jackson, MS 39286; (601)264-8277.

December 6, *Community Supported Agriculture Conference* will be held at the University of California, Davis; contact Community Alliance with Family Farmers, PO Box 464, Davis, CA 95617; (916) 756-8518.

December 8, *Open House* will be held at the Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture headquarters south of Poteau, OK; contact Lara Ervin, KCSA, P.O. Box 588, Poteau, OK 74953; (918)647-9123.

December 9, *Second Annual Fertilizer Research and Education Conference* will be held at the University of California, Davis; contact Jacques Franco or Casey Walsh, California Department of Food and Agriculture, (916)653-5340.

January 5-12, 1994, *Ranching for Profit School* will be held in Fort Collins, CO; contact Elaine Kelly, Ranch Manage-

ment Consultants, 7719 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107; (508) 898-7417 or (505)821-4214.

January 6-12, 1994, *Independent Organic Inspectors Association Inspector Training Course* will be held in High Springs, FL; contact IOI Association, Rt. 3 Box 162-C, Winona, MN 55987; (507) 454-8310.

January 7-8, 1994, *Oklahoma Horticulture Industries Show* will be held on Northeast Campus, Tulsa Junior College, Tulsa, OK; contact Lara Ervin, KCSA, P.O. Box 588, Poteau, OK 74953; (918) 647-9123.

January 8, 1994, *5th Annual Southern Plains Conference* will be held in Amarillo, TX; contact Darryl Birkenfeld, 735 Brevard, Hereford, TX 79045; (806)364-1550.

January 16-18, 1994, *Which Row To Hoe?*, the 13th annual winter conference of the Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society, will be held in Fargo, N.D.; contact NPSAS, Box 36, Maida, N.D. 58255; (701)256-2424.

January 19-21, 1994, *Agriculture in Transition: On the Move to Sustainability*, the 14th annual Ecological Farming Conference, will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, CA; contact the Committee for Sustainable Agriculture, 47 Linden Road, Watsonville, CA 95076; (408)761-9525.

January 25-May 18, 1994, *New Women, New Earth*, a residential semester, will be held at Grailville, a 300-acre organic farm in Loveland, OH; contact Audrey Sorrento or Cathy Hale, Grailville, 932 O'Bannonville Road, Loveland, OH 45140-9705; (513)683-2340.

January 26-27, 1994, *The Business and Science of Special Forest Products: A Conference and Exposition*, will be held at the Washington Country FairPlex in

Hillsboro, OR; contact Christy Dorsey, Western Forestry and Conservation Association, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, OR 97221; (503)226-4562.

January 28-29, 1994, *13th annual Organic Agriculture Conference* will be held in Guelph, Ontario; contact Tomas Nimmo, Canadian Organic Growers, (705)444-0923.

February 3-6, 1994, the *11th Annual California Farm Conference* will be held in Ventura, CA; contact Pasadena Certified Farmers Market Association, 454 Euclid Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101, (818)449-0179; or Marin County Farmers Market, 1114 Irwin St., San Rafael, CA 94901; (800)897-FARM.

February 5, 1994, *Beyond Organic*, a forum, will be held in Sinsinawa, WI; contact Ann Krush, Iowa's Organic Information Network, P.O. Box 1612, Fairfield, IA 52556, (515)472-0112; or 216 North Russell, Ames, IA 50010, (515)233-0019.

February 15-18, 1994, *25th Silver Anniversary Conference and Trade Exposition of the International Erosion Control Association* will be held in Reno, NV; contact IECA, P.O. Box 4904, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477-4904; (303)879-3010.

March 7-10, 1994, *National Pesticide Management Conference* will be held in St. Louis, MO; contact Lyn Kirschner, Conservation Technology Information Center, 1220 Potter Drive, #170, West Lafayette, IN 47906; (317)494-9555.

March 12-13, 1994, *Cultivate Community*, the annual conference of Northeast Organic Farmers Association of New York, will be held at Tompkins/Cortland Community College, Dryden, N.Y.; contact NOFA-NY, P.O. Box 21, South Butler, N.Y. 13154; (315)365-2299.



State Reports

Pesticides Suspended in California: California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Pesticide Regulation has suspended the registration of 47 pesticides whose manufacturers ignored a notice last year to submit health data on their products. The chemicals are the active ingredients in about 225 pesticide products, including pesticides used in agriculture. For a list of the chemicals, request *March 1993 Status Report, AB 1742 Chemicals* from the Department of Pesticide Regulation, Registration Branch, Attention: SB 950 Office, 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814; (916)654-0533.

IPM Better for Rootworm in Minnesota: Minnesota farmers use more soil insecticides for "insurance" against corn rootworm than they need, according to

Minnesota Extension Service research. Integrated pest management with scouting and reduced rates could improve the efficiency of soil insecticide inputs, save input costs, and protect corn roots as well. For more details, contact Ken Ostlie at the Extension Service, (612)624-9272.

High Response to Cancer Survey in Nebraska: A cancer control program, *Harvest for a Lifetime!*, has received a "fantastic" response from Nebraska farmers, with at least 1,800 replies already received from the 4,873 families who were mailed response cards offering free chemical-resistant gloves and information about other protective clothing. A previous Nebraska survey found that 72% of 800 farm-resident respondents said they were worried about getting cancer

from chemicals. The latest mailing is part of a project started in 1991 to alert farm families to the cancer-related dangers of farm chemicals, tobacco, and sunlight.

Ohio Land Link Launched: A project just launched in Ohio is seeking to connect beginning farmers with retiring farmers and other landowners, to help new farmers gain access to land while providing a needed service to retiring farmers and others who wish to see their land remain a family farm. Ohio Land Link is modeled after a program started several years ago by the Center for Rural Affairs in Nebraska. Those interested in participating may contact Kamyar Enshayan, c/o Stratford Ecological Center, 3083 Liberty Rd., Delaware, OH 43105.

Small Farms, Not Counted by Census, May Be Deprived of Benefits

The U.S. Census Bureau may not be counting thousands of small farms across the country, and as a result, the counties those farms are in could be deprived of federal funding for USDA environmental and conservation projects, according to a report in the *Pocono Record* in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The Census Bureau is required to count and include all farmers who raise \$1,000 worth of products in its U.S. agriculture census, which is calculated every five years by mailing forms to farmers.

According to the newspaper's report, as many as three-quarters of the farms in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, may be uncounted by the Census Bureau. The USDA's field office in that county estimates there are 800 farmers in the county; yet Census Bureau officials estimate their final total, to be released later this year, will be 200 to 300.

"Estimates of the number of small farms it [the Census Bureau] may not count nationally range from the tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands," according to the newspaper account. "From Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department

of Agriculture official working most closely with the nation's small farms said 'America's small-scale and part-time farms are an overlooked resource.'"

If a county's agricultural population is undercounted, programs that assist farming are either in danger of being cut back or not offered at all, a USDA official told the newspaper. Examples of such programs include conservation seedings, reforestation efforts, woodlot stewardship, wildlife habitat management, and cropping programs that help stabilize and improve the soil.

Federal Government Urged to Purchase Organic, Low-Residue Foods

Five public interest groups have written to Vice President Albert Gore, Jr., asking him to "encourage the federal government to pursue the option of buying organic and certified low-residue food for use in school lunches, HeadStart, hospitals, the military, and other federal programs that purchase large quantities of food." Signing the letter were representatives of Consumers Union, Environmental Working Group, National Parent-

Teacher Association, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Public Voice for Food and Health Policy. The letter recommended food purchasing specifications be modified to achieve 25% organic and certified low-residue foods in all federal food programs within five years.

Referring to the Clinton Administration's recent commitment to reducing the use of pesticides, those signing the letter said, "Creating a market for organic and

certified low-residue foods will complement needed legislative reform and help implement this important new policy....Just as automobiles that use less gas are better for the environment, fruits and vegetables that contain less pesticides are better for our children and all consumers. And farming systems that produce such foods do so with less impact on the environment."