

Soil And Water Field Day Plans Are Outlined Here

By DAVID E. HARRISON, District Conservationist SCS, USDA
The 1984 Soil and Water Coastal Exposition and Field Day will be held in Kenansville Kenan Auditorium on Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The expo will feature exhibits and techniques for conserving and managing coastal soil and water.

Sponsored by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the N.C. Chapter of the Land Improvement Contractors of America, the expo is intended to help farmers learn how to keep operating costs down and profits up. There will be exhibits on the most innovative techniques in soil conservation and erosion control, water, waste, and forest management, and drainage district and watershed construction and management. There will also be

computer software for agri-business and crop management on display and information of the tax credit and Cost Share programs.

Over 50 exhibitors from North Carolina and nearby states will demonstrate their newest conservation tillage, irrigation, drainage, waste handling, and excavation equipment and answer questions about their products.

Bus tours will be available for touring demonstration sites, a farm nationally recognized by President Reagan for its outstanding soil conservation practices, and a watershed under construction.

Admission is free, including bus service to the demonstration and tour sites, and samples of chewing tobacco, peanuts, and more will be given away.

Beef Cattle Show Set For Wednesday

By CHET W. MAXEY, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent
The 1984 Beef Cattle Show will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m. at the Warren County Fair. We encourage everyone to attend.

A Warren County Feeder Pig Show will be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the Warren County Fair. The show is open to all youth and adult swine producers in Warren County to enter quality pigs.

All swine producers, including those with family sow and commercial producers, are encouraged to participate in the show. Entries in the show should be confirmed at the Warren County Agricultural Extension Office, 101 South Main Street, Warrenton, N.C. (257-3640) by Friday, Sept. 14. This allows the agent time to observe each exhibitor's pigs on the farm.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Agricultural Extension Service Office. All exhibitors must bring a three-day supply of good ration (feed) for their pigs. Grading and judging will be by the N. C. Department of Agricultural Marketing Division.

For general rules governing the show, interested persons should read the 1984 Warren County Fair Bulletin.

Collect Soil Samples Now, Specialist Says

With cool weather fast approaching, it's time to collect soil samples from fields where small grains are to be planted, reminds Ray Tucker, head of the soil testing section with the Agronomics Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

"A proper pH and a balanced fertility level are essential for small grains to become established before winter arrives," he stresses. A healthy plant prior to the onset of winter will reduce the amount of cold injury and enhance growth after plants break dormancy in the late winter or early spring.

"Soil testing is a free service provided by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and is the only way to accurately determine the nutrient needs of a

field," says Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham. "Soil test results can be used to best determine fertilizer as well as lime requirements for small grains or any other crops."

Early sampling will allow ample time for test results to be returned and lime or fertilizer applied before crops are planted. The work load in the fall is down at the Agronomic lab, so test results will be returned quickly, says Tucker.

Supplies for taking soil samples can be obtained from local county extension offices, local fertilizer dealers or from the Agronomic Division of the NCDA. Farmers in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina can contact NCDA regional agronomists for these kits or additional assistance.

Pullet Show, Sale Planned At Local Fair

The annual 4-H Pullet Show and Sale will be held Friday, Sept. 21, at the Warren County Fairgrounds, George W. Koonce and Chet W. Maxey, Warren County extension agents have announced.

Koonce said that free admission to the fairgrounds will be granted to all attending the Show and Sale.

Some 132 five-month old high production sex link pullets will be sold in multiples of six and 12 per pen, Koonce said. The highest bidder will get the purchase. Average sales prices are estimated at \$5.50 per bird.

Square Is Good For House Plan

Of all shapes, the square house plan encloses the most space with the least foundation, exterior walls and roof, say extension housing specialists at North Carolina State University.

This design lowers construction costs and reduces exterior maintenance costs. The square shape works well for a two-story or small one-story plan.

The rectangular shape gives more interior design flexibility and can be almost as economical to construct as the square type. It adapts well to long, narrow lots or can be turned lengthwise to the street, creating a private backyard.

Swing one end of a rectangular plan around and you have an L-shaped house design. Interior design becomes more interesting, and the outdoor area formed by the L can be private and accessible from many parts of the house.

Just remember that every time a plan turns a corner, the cost goes up, warn extension specialists. More land is used, more foundation must be laid and the break in the roof line is more expensive.

Another variation is the T-shaped plan, which is good for interior living zones and exposure to the outside. Construction cost will rise along with the bill for heating and cooling.

The interior courtyard is an attractive, if expensive, feature. Consider it if privacy is very important.

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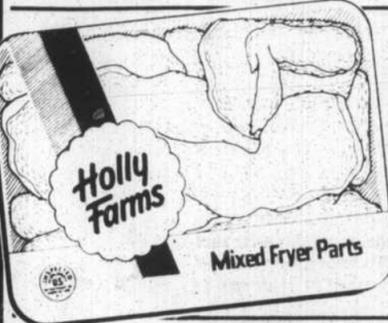
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