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BRIEFS

STEAM SHUT-DOWN PLANNED

A steam shut-down is planned for sometime at the end of July to tie temporary boilers to the steam system while the permanent boilers are being upgraded. The duration of this shut down will be from Friday evening through Monday morning. B&P will keep everyone posted as to the exact dates.

WPS TRAINING

One final date has been scheduled for Worker Protection Standard (WPS) training. It will be held Friday, July 12, at 10:30 am in the Staff Room, Jordan Hall.

Anyone who will or may come in contact with pesticides or pesticide residues applied in the field or greenhouse should be trained under this Act. Training consists of viewing a video that has been prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency plus a lecture presented by Mart VanKirk, Field Research Unit, and Pat Krauss, Administration. An individual needs to be trained once every five years. A card is given to each employee who completes training that they may carry with them in their wallet or purse.

EMPLOYEE ESSENTIALS

Employee Essentials, an electronic benefits file, contains employee's personal information that should be reviewed regularly for accuracy and to ensure wanted coverage. It is the responsibility of the employee to keep all pertinent addresses up-to-date. The address screens are the only screens that will allow changes by an employee. All other benefit screens are for viewing only.

To view Employee Essentials open Bear Access. The Bear Access menu will include Employee Essentials. Click once to open Employee Essentials and insert your personal Network ID and your password. Click on addresses; click on the specific address to be updated or confirmed and click display on the left side of the Employee Addresses box. When confirmation has been made, click done or if you have made the necessary changes click save.

Go through the various screens to confirm that the benefits you carry are at the benefit level you have elected. When you have completed your review, click "Quit EE". The Bear Access screen will appear. Click on the "broken key" to close your personal information file so that your file will not be accessible to others.

Please contact Personnel at x203 if you have questions regarding this process or if you wish to change your benefits during the year.

1996 FRUIT FIELD DAY TO BE HELD AT
GENEVA EXPERIMENT STATION

On Tuesday, August 13, Cornell University will sponsor a Fruit Field Day at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, that will update fruit growers, consultants, and industry personnel on the latest research and extension advances in fruit crops. The field day runs from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. It will cover important New York State fruit crops like apples, peaches, pears, plums, and cherries; wine and table grapes; and small fruits like strawberries and raspberries. All commercial tree fruit, small fruit, and grape growers are invited to attend.

"Morning presentations will take place in the field and will highlight fruit breeding and enology, production systems, integrated pest management, genetic engineering, physiology, water and nutrient management. Afternoon presentations will be commodity-oriented with separate tours for grapes, stone fruits, small fruits, and apples," according to organizers Terence Robinson and Art Agnello.

Participants from the Geneva Experiment Station also include horticulturists Bruce Reisch, Susan Brown, Bob Andersen, Jim Cummins, Hugh Price, Kevin Maloney, Bob Pool, Warren Stiles, and Alan Lakso; enologist Thomas Henick-Kling; entomologists Greg English-Loeb, Harvey Reissig, and Joe Kovach; and plant pathologists Wayne Wilcox, Herb Aldwinckle, Tom Burr, and Jay Norelli, among others.

A noon luncheon with state and federal legislators is planned, co-sponsored by the New York State Horticultural Society. At that time, information on the Food Venture Center, the IR-4 Program, and the Plant Genetic Resources Unit will be presented.

A registration fee of \$10 includes lunch. Registration by August 5 is requested. Send a check payable to Cornell University-NYSAES, to Art Agnello, Dept. of Entomology, NYSAES, Geneva, NY 14456; call him at 315-787-2341; or contact him by e-mail at ama4@cornell.edu.



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JOURNALISTS HEAD FOR THE FIELDS
TO LEARN ABOUT IPM

What is "IPM" and how should writers write about it? About two dozen writers and editors—some freelancers and some representing major U.S. magazines and newspapers—got an extended answer to these questions in a two-day workshop held in New York City and Orange County, New York, June 7 and 8. The workshop, titled "IPM: In Partnership with Nature," consisted of presentations about integrated pest management (IPM) interspersed with visits to fruit, vegetable, and dairy farms and greenhouses where IPM is being done.

"This was the best one we've done so far," said Sylvia Rowe, President of the International Food Information Council Foundation, comparing the New York media workshop to two previous workshops for the media held in other states. Her organization and the National Foundation for IPM Education co-sponsored the workshop, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Cornell University, the New York State IPM Program, and Cornell Cooperative Extension—Orange County.

Workshop participant Edith Hogan, spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association, kept a list of "sound bytes" such as "spray and pray," a grower's (*Continued on page 2*)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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EVENTS • MEETINGS

Friday, July 12, 10:30 am

Staff Room, Jordan Hall
Worker Protection Standard Training

Friday, July 12, 6:00 pm

Pavilion
Station Club Picnic

LIBRARY NEWS



The book *Structures of Cellulose; characterization of the solid states*, was sent to the Geneva Library from the Physical Sciences Library on the Ithaca campus. If you requested this book, please call x214 or come to Circulation Desk and claim.

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STATION SOFTBALL



Last week's results:

Thursday, June 27 PGRU def. HS/X-tras
Tuesday, July 2 No Game

This week's schedule:

Tuesday, July 9 PGRU vs. Serv Staff
Thursday, July 11 HS/X-tras vs. ENT

VOLLEYBALL

at the Pavilion
behind Jordan Hall
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm.
Everyone's invited.
Questions?
Call Aijun at x362

CO-ED SOCCER

now on the south
lawn of Barton Lab
Thursdays at 7:00 pm
Everyone's invited.
Questions?
Call Pat at x221.



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Sears washer and dryer, only one year old, excellent condition, \$300 for the pair. Contact Trish at x364, Stuart at x363 or at home 789-8924.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom apartment with deck, garden, parking. Walking distance to the Station. \$500/mo. plus utilities. Available immediately. 781-2500.

FOR SALE: Lot 180' x 383' 3/4 miles from Station on Pre-Emption Road on Indian Acres Farm. Will take mortgage. Call 789-1258.

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description of conventional pest management, and "environmental stewardship," a key component of the IPM methodology. Hogan plans to inform her urban audience about IPM by relating its principles to gardening, the number one U.S. hobby. Steven Pratt, food and nutrition writer for *The Chicago Tribune*, noted that it will be important for informed writers and editors to "clear up the idea that the main issue behind IPM is the threat of cancer because of pesticide residues on food."

Cornell was represented at the workshop by presenters Jim Tette, Director of the New York State IPM Program, Joe Kovach, Fruit IPM Coordinator, Lucy Joyce, Maire Ullrich, Larry Hulle, and Teresa Rusinek, of Cornell Cooperative Extension—Orange County, and by attendees Bob Gravani, Professor of Food Science, Margaret Haining Cowles, IPM staff writer, and James Lorbeer, Professor of Plant Pathology (Ithaca). "I think the workshop made great strides in informing a group of sharp and influential media folks about IPM," said Cowles.

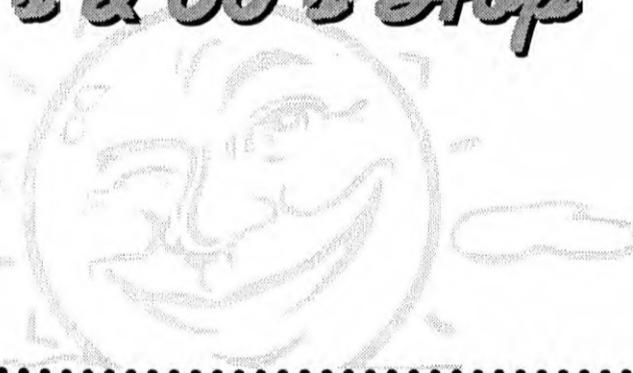
Participants heard growers praise IPM for both its economic and environmental savings. Onion grower John Cavallaro, of Chester, told them about rotation with sudangrass, a cover crop that, when plowed under, naturally releases a gas that kills microscopic pests in the soil. Planting sudangrass costs \$25 per acre, whereas the alternative, soil fumigation with a chemical pesticide, costs \$600-700 per acre.

Apple grower Jeff Crist, of Walden, told the participants, "We'd dearly love not to have to spray at all. For one thing, I wouldn't have to get up at quarter to 5:00 in the morning quite so often." Additional time with his wife and three young children is one advantage to Crist's adoption of IPM methods. His farm is the site of an IPM-funded project of Jan Nyrop's in which the predator mite *T. pyri* will be "seeded" in his orchard this summer, replacing chemical sprays as a control method for European red mites.

While in New York City, participants heard about the national IPM initiative from EPA's Dr. Janet Andersen, director of the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division, and USDA's Larry Elworth, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment. Dr. Donald Davidsen, the commissioner of the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, Dr. Jim Tette, and two Orange County growers (Russell Kowal, of Goshen, and Deborah Sweeton, of Warwick) spoke about New York state's dedication to IPM. Colleen Wegman, of Wegmans Food Markets, Tom Facer, of Comstock Michigan Fruit, and Dr. Molly Anderson, of the Tufts University School of Nutrition, spoke on IPM in the marketplace.

Participants represented publications such as *McCall's*, *Country Living*, *Glamour*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Eating Well*.

Station Club Picnic "50's & 60's Hop"



Friday, July 12 at 6:00 pm at the Pavilion



featuring the band "Ruby Shoos"

1/2 Chicken, Salt Potatoes,	Hotdog w/Roll, Salt Potatoes,
Tossed & Macaroni Salads, Fruit Cup, & Beverage	Tossed & Macaroni Salads, Fruit Cup, & Beverage
Members: \$8.00	Non-Members: \$10.00
Members: \$6.00	Non-Members: \$8.00

Tickets on sale now! See your department rep!!