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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 20-23, 1993**, "Acting on the Challenges for Sustainable Agriculture," the 13th Annual Ecological Farming Conference, will be held in Pacific Grove, CA; contact: Committee for Sustainable Agriculture, P.O. Box 1300, Colfax, CA 95713; (916)346-2777.

**January 25-29, 1993**, "Soils and Society: Responsible Management" will be held at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.; contact: TropSoils Management Entity, Box 7113 Daniels Hall, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. 27695-7113; (919)515-3922.

**January 25-27 (St. Charles), February 15-17 (Wabasha), and March 3-5 (Montevideo), 1993**, "Farming for Profit, Land and Family," programs sponsored by the Land Stewardship Program, will be held in Minnesota; contact LSP in Lewiston, (507)523-3366.

**January 28-30, 1993**, National Farmers' Direct Marketing Conference will be held in Portland, OR; contact Vance Corum, 441 Merritt Ave., #104, Oakland, CA 94610-5152; (510)465-8714.

**January 28-30, 1993**, "Sustainable Farming and the Environment," an international workshop, will be held in Cochin, Southern India; contact United Planters Association of Southern India, R&D Center for Rubber, Union Club Road, Kottayam 686001, Kerala, South India; phone: (0481) 61588, 61579.

**January 29-31, 1993**, "From Centralization to Diversity," the Winter Conference of the Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society, will be held at Jamestown, N.D.; contact: NPSAS, Box 36, Maida, N.D. 58255; (701)256-2424.

**February 1, 1993**, is the deadline for abstracts for the Fourth National Pesticide Conference, "New Directions in Pesticide Research, Development, Management, and Policy," in Richmond, VA, November 1-3, 1993; submit abstracts of 300-500 words to Dr. Diana L. Weigmann, Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 617 North Main St., Blacksburg, VA 24060-3397; (703)231-5624.

**February 6-8, 1993**, "Virginia Direct Marketing Annual Conference and Exhibition" will be held in Colonial Williamsburg, VA; contact Nancy Israel, Farmers Direct Marketing Association, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 1100 Bank St., 10th floor, Richmond, VA 23219; (804)371-6157.

**February 18-19, 1993**, "Seventh Annual Virginia Conference on Sustainable Agriculture" will be held in Charlottesville, VA; contact: Conference Registrar, Division of Continuing Education, Donaldson Brown Center, VPI & SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0104; (703)231-5182.

**February 20, 1993**, "A Conference on Sustaining Agriculture Opportunities," the 5th Annual Transitions Conference, will be held at SUNY New Paltz, N.Y.; contact Bob Dibble, SCS, (914)677-3194.

**February 21-24, 1993**, "Agricultural Research to Protect Water Quality," sponsored by the Management Systems Evaluation Area Program and the Soil and Water Conservation Society, will be held in Minneapolis, MN; contact: SWCS, 7515 Northeast Ankeny Road, Ankeny, IA 50021-9764; 1-800-THE-SOIL.

**March 1, 1993**, "Alternative Agriculture Policy: A New Time to Choose," the 10th annual conference of the Institute for Alternative Agriculture, will be held in Washington, D.C.; contact the IAA, 9200 Edmonston Road, #117, Greenbelt, MD 20770; (301)441-8777.

### **EPA Sets Rules to Protect Farm Workers from Pesticides**

The EPA has issued rules requiring agricultural employers to protect farm workers from exposure to dangerous pesticides. The rules, which apply to anyone who handles pesticides on farms or in nurseries, forests, or greenhouses, require employers to train workers in the handling of pesticides and the wearing of protective clothing, and to post risk warnings.