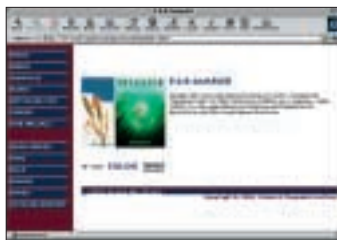


Agronomic Information Materials Now Available Online from PPI/PPIC/FAR

A new service introduced by PPI/PPIC/FAR will facilitate online ordering of publications and other information materials from the organization. The "Store" will enable shoppers to select individual publications such as the *Soil Fertility Manual* or packets of items such as *Plant Problem Insights* cards, then provide delivery instructions and payment by credit card.

"Many of the audiences we serve through various programs have encouraged this new arrangement," explained Dr. B.C. Darst, PPI Executive Vice President. "While we continue to offer traditional methods of handling orders for publications, videos, CDs, and other items, many individuals prefer the convenience of online shopping. The PPI Catalog of materials for the year 2000 was distributed to audiences in industry, schools, agencies, and other clientele where agronomic information is needed."

While the "Store" does not currently offer




all the information items available from the Institute, many of the frequently purchased items are featured. Future additions and developments are expected.

The online site uses the "shopping cart" concept to accommodate selection of

multiple items. Visitors can browse through various categories of information by simply "clicking" on topics of interest.

For a limited time, no shipping/handling charges will be added to orders received via the "Store" site on the Internet. The special offers on packaged items and waiver of shipping charges are not available on orders received by fax, phone, or mail.

For more explanation, contact the PPI Circulation Department at (770) 825-8082 or 8084, or e-mail to: circulation@ppi-far.org.

The "Store" online can be reached through a link on the PPI/PPIC/FAR home page found at either www.ppi-far.org or www.ppi-ppic.org. 

Earl H. Bailey, 1902-2000

Mr. Earl Hicks Bailey, who served for 31 years as an agronomist with the American Potash Institute (forerunner of PPI), passed away February 14, 2000 at the age of 98. A native of Mississippi, Mr. Bailey lived in Starkville since 1923. He attended Mississippi A&M, where he continued as a botany professor for nine years.

Mr. Bailey was a Life Member of the Mississippi State University alumni association and maintained membership



in the American Society of Agronomy and other organizations. An avid gardener, Mr. Bailey raised orchids and other unusual plants after his retirement. He also published a book of poetry, reflections of his life and family.

Survivors include a son, James Earl Bailey, and a daughter, Patsy Bailey Randle (Mrs. William), two sisters, a brother, five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. 