


soil, cultural and climatic factors. However, three general approaches have emerged for making N rate decisions:

1. Use standard recommendations based on soil NO<sub>3</sub> present at planting unless significant legumes were present in the sod. This approach usually results in higher N rates than normal due to very low spring NO<sub>3</sub>-N levels.

2. Apply a conservative N rate and use the late spring soil N test or some other approach to determine

sidedress N need.

3. Reduce N rate by 50 lb/A or more depending on nature of the sod and other factors considered for standard forage N credit determination.

Local studies and experience should be used to determine the most appropriate approach on a site-specific basis. 

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## Information Agriculture Conference

PLANNED FOR JULY 30 - AUGUST 1, 1996

Dates for the 1996 Information Agriculture Conference are now set for Tuesday, July 30 through Thursday, August 1. The event will take place at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, University of Illinois, Urbana.

Dr. Harold F. Reetz, Jr., PPI Midwest Director, Monticello, IL, will serve as chairman of the coordinating committee for the conference. Organizers include PPI, the Foundation for Agronomic Research (FAR), National Center for Supercomputer Applications, University of Illinois College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, Dealer PROGRESS Magazine, and CCNet Agribusiness Task Force, Champaign-Urbana Chamber of Commerce.

The conference will focus on site-specific crop and soil management technology and computer communication systems for agriculture. Program features will include yield mapping and interpretation, variable rate systems, data management, remote sensing, global positioning system potential, geographic information systems, and communication developments.

An exhibit hall will allow space for companies and organizations to display products and services related to modern crop production and information. An area will also be available for volunteer "poster" presentations where researchers and others can share results of studies and field experience.

Registration fees are \$200 per individual before July 15, 1996 (students \$100). Exhibitor fee is \$300 for a standard booth area. The fee includes conference registration for one person.

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