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SUBJECT: 4th Annual National NIR Forage Project Workshop, Logan, Utah

TO: Members of NIR Network and Other Interested Individuals

Our next workshop has been scheduled to occur at the Kellogg Center on the campus of Utah State University in Logan on November 7 and 8, 1983. I am still working with several people in finalizing the arrangements and agenda, but thus preliminary announcement will allow you to make travel plans now. We will start promptly at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 7 and meet until possibly the late evening of Tuesday, November 8. Plan to arrive either Sunday, November 6 or during the morning of November 7 and depart not earlier than Wednesday morning, November 9.

We have important decisions to consider regarding the future objectives of and individual location commitments to the research program of the Network. Also, we will want reports of accomplishments by each location since our last meeting to precede the discussion of universal equation development, calibration transfer, new software, future horizons, and new plans. To accomplish all this, we will have some "open meeting" sessions in which observers are welcome as well as "closed meeting" sessions in which we can have candid discussions of where we are and where we should be in our Network research.

The National Alfalfa Hay Quality Workshop Steering Committee will also be meeting at the Kellogg Center on November 9 and 10. Some of us have assignments for that committee. If you are interested in participating in the alfalfa meeting, please contact Bill Templeton at Penn State for information. Bill will be retaining his chairmanship of the alfalfa hay steering committee.

I am especially grateful to Bill Templeton for his assistance in keeping the Network business going since his retirement and for his devoted leadership of our Network during the past three years. I hope he will find it possible to continue to meet with us in future years.

I will inform you as soon as lodging, meeting, and agenda details are finalized. Suggestions are very welcome.



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