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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 31-September 4**, *Soil Management in Sustainable Agriculture* will be held at Wye College, University of London, Ashford, Kent, TN25 5AH, U.K.; contact Dr. H. Lee, fax: (0233-813320).

**September 5-13**, *International Conference on Integrated Resource Management for Sustainable Agriculture* will be held in Beijing, China; contact Dr. Li Xiaoyun, Center for Integrated Agricultural Development, Beijing Agricultural University, Beijing, 100094, PR China; phone 86-1-258-2337.

**September 7-9**, *Trade in Organic Products*, sponsored by International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements, Organic Foods Production Association of North America, and New Hope

Communications, will be held in Baltimore, MD; events include an organic trade fair and an organic dinner; contact Katherine DiMatteo, OFPANA, (413)774-7511, or Steven Hoffman, New Hope, (303)939-8440.

**September 9**, *Thompson On-Farm Research Field Day* will be held, with field tours and demonstrations; call Dick and Sharon Thompson, 2035 190th St., Boone, IA 50036; (515)432-1560.

**September 18**, *Northeast Organic Farming Association/New Jersey's 3rd Organic Country Fair* will be held in Pennington, NJ; contact NOFA/NJ, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534; (609)737-6848.

## ***Biodynamic Farming Shows Promise in New Zealand, Research Finds***

Biodynamic farming practices and systems in New Zealand show promise in mitigating some of the detrimental effects of chemical-dependent, conventional agriculture on the environment, according to a research report published recently in *Science*. In a study done in New Zealand, the physical, biological, and chemical soil properties and economic profitability of 16 adjacent, commercial biodynamic and conventional farms were compared. "The biodynamic farms in the study had better soil quality than the neighboring conventional farms and were just as financially viable on a per hectare basis," the article said. Authors were John P. Reganold, Alan S. Palmer, James C. Lockhard, and A. Neil Macgregor.