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INSTITUTE NEWS

Groundwater pollution is 1987 symposium topic

The connection between agricultural production practices and groundwater contamination will be explored at the fourth annual scientific symposium presented by the Institute for Alternative Agriculture. The one-day event will be held next March 3 in Washington.

Garth Youngberg, IAA's executive director, said the symposium will document the nature and extent of the nation's growing groundwater pollution problem. "It is now widely agreed that chemical pollution of this water resource has been accelerated by modern farming practices," he said. "The massive shift in recent years away from soil-conserving crop rotations to chemical-intensive monocultural cash grain systems has contributed significantly to this problem."

The symposium, Youngberg emphasized, will present a full range of constructive alternatives for solving the

problem within the context and needs of modern production agriculture.

"Although the regulation of harmful agricultural chemicals will be considered, this symposium will go beyond the usual call for more effective regulation," he said.

Schaller and Ebenreck join editorial board

Neill Schaller of USDA's Economic Research Service and Sara Ebenreck of the American Land Resource Association have accepted invitations to join the editorial board of the *American Journal of Alternative Agriculture*. Editor Garth Youngberg said their acceptances increase the number of editorial board members to 29.

Schaller, an economist, is assistant director of the Natural Resource Economics Division at ERS. Ebenreck, a writer on land use policy and values, is executive editor of *American Land Forum*, ALRA's quarterly journal.