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Holstein Tour To New Jersey Being Planned

County Holstein breeders will head north this spring on their annual tour. A 15 hour trip will allow them to visit Holstein herds in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The tour is set for April 14 and will leave at 7 a m

In Pennsylvania the breeders will visit the famous Keystone Farms at Easton. This herd includes the grand champion at the state Black & White Show held last August. The owners were also recipients of the premier breeder award and the premier exhibitor award, the first time that one farm had won both awards.

In Pottstown the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. plant will be toured.

The three New Jersey herds to be visited are Pineyhill Farms, Washington, Mulhacaway Farms, Clinton, and Cedar Lane Farm, Oldwick. All of these farms have built reputations for quality both in showing and in the record books.

The tour committee, Elvin Hess, Jr., Robert C. Groff, and J. Robert Hess, say that a lunch should be packed to be eaten on the bus between stops at noon. A free beverage will be provided.

Supper, however, will have to be purchased. Total cost for the trip, including the evening meal, is \$5.50. Reservations must be sent no later than today to Elvin Hess Jr., R1 Strasburg, Pa.

Those making the trip are urged to ride the chartered bus.

David Lapp Heads New Holland Club

David Lapp, R1 Bareville, was elected president of the New Holland Community 4-H Club at a meeting held April 7 at the New Holland National Bank.

Other officers elected were vice president, Donna Peters; secretary, Anna Lapp; treasurer, Mary Ann Wolgumuth, game leaders, Alvin McQuate and Marie Horning; song leader, Roy Mentzer, and reporter, Judith Anr Buch.



A FEW DAYS OF WARM dry weather last week allowed some farmers to start their field work. Adin Sensenig, R2 Quarryville, found plowing fairly easy in a field that was planted to corn last year. While the

ground was in fairly good condition for plowing, it was not ideal. Heavy rains Sunday, however, stopped all field work for a few more days. (LF Photo)

Series of Meetings on Quality Hay Making, Soil Testing to Be Held in County Next Week

Three quality hay meetings and two soil testing meetings have been scheduled for the coming week according to County Agent Max Smith.

All the factors in quality hay-making will be discussed. This includes the use of crushers, crumper, mow finishers and other machinery. Joe McCurdy, extension agricultural engineer from

Penn State will be on hand to lead the discussion.

James Aiken, agronomy specialist from Penn State will discuss soil testing, lime and fertilizer applications.

Several soil samples will be tested for lime requirements at the meetings. Farmers are urged to bring samples from their own farms with them to the meeting.

The samples should be dry, sieved and well marked. Remember to use care when taking the sample. Fertilizer recommendations are no better than the sample of soil on which they are based.

Here are the dates and meeting places for the hay meetings.

Tues., April 15 — 8 p m at the Ag Room of Solanco High School, Quarryville

Wed., April 16 — 9 30 a m. at the farm of George Rutt, R1 Stevens. Turn left at the Reams town traffic light on Route 222 going north. The Rutt farm is the first on the right.

Wed., April 16 — 1 30 p m. at Masonic Homes Farms, Elizabethtown. The meeting will be held at the new hay drying barn.

Here is the schedule for the soil testing meetings. Both are to be held on April 17. At 9-30 a m the meeting will be in the basement of Kirkwood Hall in Kirkwood. The 1 30 p m session will be in the Elizabethtown area, but the place is undecided.

Part-Time Farmer Wants to Keep Things the Same

Tuesday night the Part-Time Farmer Committee of Program Projection heard what part-time farmer think of themselves and what they plan to do. The information was obtained by a poll and was summarized by Emory J. Brown, rural sociologist from Penn State.

The data were compiled from questionnaires mailed early this year to 370 part-time farmers in the county. Brown summarized from 128 of the forms that were returned.

This is what the farmers had to say:

- Fifty-nine felt that they are as well off as their full-time neighbors and 43 said they were better off.

- Fifty said they were better off than full-time hourly workers and 30 said they were as well off.

- Eighty-one said that they intend to continue farming on a part-time basis. Only 18 said they are working toward full-time farming and 17 plan to get out of farming entirely.

- Eighty-nine per cent said they make more money per hour at their off-farm job.

- And 112 own their own farm eight are part owners and an equal number rent.

To qualify as a part-time farmer, a man must get at least \$150 a year gross income from the farm. He also works 100 or more days a year away from his farm.

According to Brown, there are some 2,000 such farmers in Lancaster County. Their farms range in size from an acre to 100 acres with the average size being about 40 acres.

The most important enterprise of the part-time farmer is poultry, with steers and dairy cows following closely. Five listed swine as their main enterprise and two orchards.

IN THE PART of the questionnaires designed to measure the extension service's help to the group, 108 farmers said that they had received letters or read information prepared as guidance by extension.

Most said they preferred information by newsletter, farm visit, telephone or newspaper on farming practices. None mentioned the impact of radio or telecasts.

Harry F. Houser, R7 Lancaster, chairman of the committee making the survey, has set April 22 as the date when the group will draft recommendations to the extension service. The recommendations will first be heard by the entire Program Projection group at a meeting the first part of May.

Other committees are studying Family Relations, Youth Programs, Agricultural Integration and Urban and Suburban Problems.

Lancaster County Farmers' Assn. Re-schedules Spring Meeting April 18

The spring meeting of the Lancaster County Farmers' Assn. has been rescheduled for Friday, April 18 at the Lancaster County Poultry Center, 240 West Roseville Rd., Lancaster. The meeting will begin at 7 30 p m.

C. A. Hendrickson of the USDA market research division will speak on "Marketing Type 41 Tobacco." Much of Hendrickson's

recent work has been in estimating the impact of processed tobacco on the marketing situation.

The president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Assn., G. A. Biggs will give a talk entitled "What This Organization is Doing for the Public."

Non-members as well as members are invited to attend the spring meeting.



LOOSE HOUSING need not be a reason for having dirty cows than any other system of dairying. And Henry R. Wilson, R2 Nottingham, has found that he can save real

money and time by handling his 65 cow herd in this manner. For the full story, see page 12 of this issue (LF Photo)