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Farm Calendar

Saturday, April 3

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Grange Regional Youth Conference, North Coventry Grange Hall, Cedarville, Chester County.

4 - 8 p.m. — Fulton Grange annual turkey supper, Grange Hall, Oakryn.

Monday, April 5

7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H County Council, Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. — Lancaster County Poultry Association board meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Junior Grange roller skating party, the Buck.

Tuesday, April 6

8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders' Tour.

Pennsylvania Farmers Association board meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Poultry Sales and Service Conference, Keller Building, Penn State, April 6-7.

Wednesday, April 7

7:30 p.m. — Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. — Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club, Farm and Home Center.

Thursday, April 8

8 a.m. - 9 p.m. — Lancaster County Holstein Association tour; buses leave from

Guernsey Breeders Tour Set Tuesday

Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders tour will be held Tuesday (April 6) in the north central area of Pennsylvania.

Leaving Willow Valley at 8 a.m., the group will pick up passengers at Stauffer's market at Kissel Hill at 8:30, have a rest stop at 10 and arrive at the Robert Book farm in Millville at 11:30 a.m. The Book farm is the home of a great Bonn cow with 22,000 pounds of milk and the farm has several other excellent cows.

At 12:15 p.m., the group will stop at the Christ Wolff Jr. farm at Millville. This modern jugging operation has a unique milk tank and transport system. Tractor powered scoop is used to clean gutters and there is a new addition to the barn with cemented in mats. There are plenty of Master Chief daughters to see.

The group will eat a packed lunch at the Wolff farm, with Mr. Wolff providing milk and coffee.

Lancaster Shopping Center.

Friday, April 9
Good Friday.

Last day to sign up for US Corn and Feed Grain program, ASCS office, Farm and Home Center

8 p.m. — Lancaster County Holstein Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center

At 1:45 p.m., the group will visit Wyno Farms at Muncy, managed by Lee Yost. The home of Wyno's Saints Hugo, the farm uses an Agway free stall set up with flat parlor and grates.

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Dinner will be had at Dutch

Pantry near Selinsgrove at 6 p.m. and the group will arrive back in Lancaster County at about 8:30 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$475 per person. To make reservations, contact one of the following committee members no later than Monday (April 5): Kenneth Garber, 464-2894, Larry Breneman, 786-7667, or Ralph Bitler, 548-2803.

Enrollment Deadline

Farmers were reminded this week that next Friday (April 9) is the last day for enrollment in the 1971 wheat and feed grain programs.

So far, some 327 farms representing the base acreage of 6,211 have enrolled in the feed grain program and 379 farms with an allotment of 1,421 acres have signed up for the wheat program.

New Pork Belly Futures Contract Opens

2 New Markets Begin Weekly

Lancaster Farming this introduces two new cattle markets, the Omaha Cattle market and the Oklahoma City Feeder auction, in our market section on pages 2 and 3.

As long as the Chicago Cattle market remains open, we will also continue to run it. The two new markets, in addition to our local markets, reflect our desire to maintain a representative coverage of US cattle markets before and after the scheduled closing of the Chicago market later this year.

We will evaluate the market situation as it changes in relation to the Chicago market in a continuing effort to provide representative and timely market coverage.

On April 5, pork belly futures contracts will be opened for trading in the pit of the Minneapolis Grain Exchange at 4th Avenue South and 4th Street, announced Frank H. Murrin, President of the Board.

Trading will be in the brand new "Minneapolis Mini" futures contract for 18,000 pounds of frozen pork bellies.

The Minneapolis Grain Exchange has traded grain commodities exclusively since its founding in 1881. It has grown to a high annual dollar volume of \$500 million a year, reports H. H. Tearse Jr., President of Searle Grain Co., who is Chairman of Public Relations for the Exchange.

The Exchange anticipates an active trade in pork bellies among the vast body of producers, processors, storage firms and investors in the surrounding area.

The region's large number of producers assures an ample supply of bellies with Minne-

sota and Iowa being two of the top three hog producing states in the nation. There are also many processors and storage firms who take the bellies and freeze them until they are needed for bacon. These industries use pork belly futures as a hedge when they buy or sell futures contracts as a protection against price fluctuation.

For investors, pork bellies enlarge the opportunity to buy and sell futures contracts as their judgement dictates. The investment function aids the total marketing process by increasing the scope and activity of the market and improving its liquidity.

Peter Ritten, head of the Midwest's largest exclusive commodity brokerage firm, sees pork bellies as a step toward stronger growth in the changing trade patterns which face the Exchange. Ritten anticipates trade to be heavy and fast, especially for the "Minnea-

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Garden Spot FFA Chapter Has Annual Parent-Son Banquet

The Garden Spot FFA Chapter held its Annual Parent-Son Banquet at Lampeter-Strasburg High School Thursday night.

The Chapter Star Farmer award was presented to Jerry Diller, 2112 South View Road, Lancaster.

Diller's farm program consists of five dairy calves and five veal calves.

The Chapter Star Greenhand award was presented to Rick Hess, Strasburg RD1, whose farm program centers around dairy cattle.

The Chapter Star Red Rose Farmer award went to Don Breneman, Strasburg RD1, whose farm program includes dairy cattle, heifers and corn. He is chapter vice president.

The meeting was conducted by Clair Witwer, 617 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, who is chapter president.

George Myers, principal of Martin Mylin Junior High School, received special recognition for his service to the chapter.

Jerry Diller also was recognized for his membership in the State FFA band.

The program for the evening included showing of slides of (Continued on Page 7)



Clair Witwer, left, Garden Spot FFA Chapter president, congratulates Jerry Diller, who was recognized at the Chapter's Annual Parent-Son Banquet Thursday night for receiving the Chapter Star Farmer Award and

being a member of the State FFA Band. Also present are Don Breneman, second from right, Chapter Star Red Rose Farmer, and Rick Hess, right, Star Greenhand.