

Ephrata YF Slate Meet on Polluted Farm Water Supply

Recent studies in northern Lancaster County have shown a large percentage of rural water supplies to be highly polluted with coliform bacteria and nitrates. These pollutants can cause serious problems concerning human and livestock health.

The Ephrata Area High School adult farmer class is conducting a panel discussion on farm water supplies during which the following areas will be explored:

1. What is drinking water pollution and how does it get into our systems?
2. Why is it harmful and how does it threaten the health of humans and animals?
3. How can we prevent and/or eliminate this health hazard?

Serving on the panel to discuss these problems and answer questions will be:

Mr. C. Robert Graham, Microbiologist, Lancaster Laboratories, Inc.

Dr. Robert D. Herr, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Mr. James Humperville, Consulting Geologist, Lancaster.

Mr. Randy Miller, Water Treatment Equipment Specialist, Brubaker Plumbing & Heating, Lancaster.

Dr. Melvyn G. Wenger, Veterinarian, Ephrata.

The panel moderator will be Charles Ackley, Agriculture Teacher, Adult Farmer Program, Ephrata Area School District.

The meeting will be held on

Tuesday evening, March 27 at 7:30 P.M. in the Ephrata Senior High School Agriculture Department.

It is suspected that rural water supply pollution is much more widespread than just the area tested. Any persons interested in this information are invited to attend.

Birdman

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The feeds are especially formulated for gamebirds, and Gress maintains that it would be virtually impossible to grow some of the more difficult breeds without these feeds.

Since Gress retired, he has decided to raise fewer birds, instead of numbers, he said he'll be trying to grow the more difficult breeds.

The bird business is a hobby with Gress, but he says it's definitely a paying hobby. Most farmers don't need any hobbies that produce more work, but for some it may be hard to resist the charms of a strutting golden pheasant. More information about gamebirds can be had by writing to Robert L. Bartlett, Pennsylvania Gamebird Breeders Association, Route 4, North East, Pa. 16422.

Farm Calendar

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6:30 p.m. — Owen J. Roberts FFA Annual Banquet, Owen J. Roberts High School Cafeteria.

7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers meeting, Water Analysis Summary and Panel Discussion, vo-ag department, Ephrata Area High School.

7:30 p.m. — Annual 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club Roundup, Farm and Home Center.

Wednesday, March 28

1 p.m. — Dairy Replacement Barn meeting, Barley Bros., Washington Boro RD1.

Thursday, March 29

12 Noon — Pennfield Dairy Awards Banquet, Bird-in-Hand Motor Inn.

1 p.m. — Region II Young Farmer Leadership Training Conference, vo-ag department, Manheim Central High School.

7:15 p.m. — Elizabethtown 4-H Pig and Rabbit Club Reorganizational meeting, Union School.

7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Development Fund committee meeting, Farm and Home Center.

7:30 p.m. — Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community Club Reorganizational meeting, W.I. Beahm Junior High School Library.

26th National Conference on Rural Health, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, March 29-30.

Friday, March 30

12 Noon — Holstein State Calf Sale, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

7:30 p.m. — Sheep Producers Meeting, "Six Steps to Better Sheep Production", Farm and Home Center; Rescheduled from March 21.

Pennsylvania State Jersey Cattle Club meeting, Willow Valley Motel, Lancaster.

Saturday, March 31
10:30 a.m. — District III Jersey Cattle Club sale, William Aaron farm, Quarryville.
11 a.m. — Pennsylvania Angus Association Spring sale,

Millarden Farm, Annville.
State Holstein Show, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

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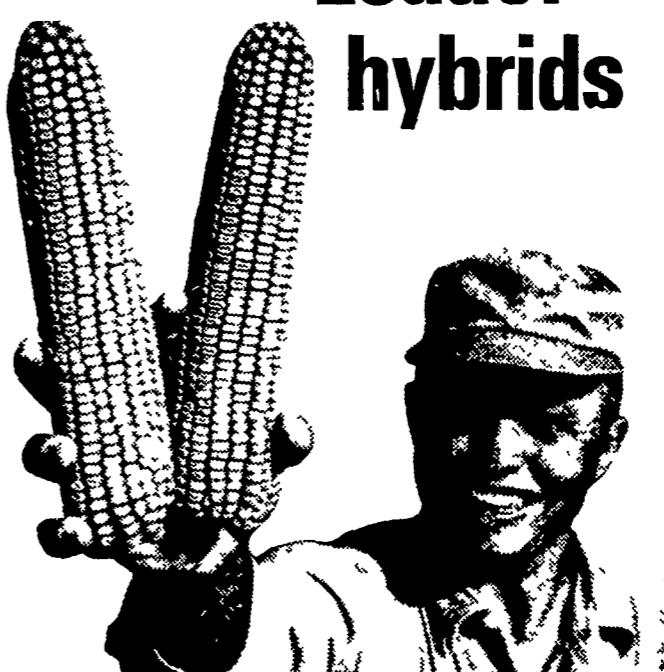


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