

# Farm visitation day is tomorrow

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Bicentennial themes will pervade at two host farms in Prince Georges and Washington counties during this year's tenth annual statewide Farm Visitation Day, set for June 27.

And open house hospitality at 10 dairy farms in seven counties of northern Maryland's piedmont area -

and in Anne Arundel County - will help to observe the 40th anniversary of "June Dairy Month" during this traditional last-Sunday-in-June event.

Keyed to give urban families a close look at their farm neighbors, Farm Visitation Day is again being sponsored by the Maryland Farm-City Committee, with

assistance from the University of Maryland's statewide Cooperative Extension Service, along with 4-H and FFA youth organizations, Farm Bureau young farmers, and other rural-oriented groups.

Visiting hours are again set for 1 to 5 p.m. At least one host farm, the U.S. Naval Academy dairy farm at Gambrills (Anne Arundel County), has scheduled an alternate open house date two weeks later (July 11) in case of rain on June 27.

This year's line-up involves 24 host farms - the same number as last year - and 10 counties - two more than in 1975. Participating counties this year include Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Baltimore, Harford, Cecil, Anne Arundel, Calvert and Prince Georges. The latter two counties were not included in last year's event, but they had participated in earlier years.

One farm in Harford County - the Holloway Brothers beef cattle and swine operation east of Darlington - has been involved in Farm Visitation Day activities every year since 1968. It is located near Conowingo dam and the Susquehanna river. The fifth-generation family homestead was built in 1805.

A short distance across the river in Cecil County, visitors will have opportunity to visit one of Maryland's outstanding dairy herds. It is also a family operation - Kilby's, Inc., near Colora. The Kilbys were selected early this year to receive a Master Farmer award from the Pennsylvania Farmer magazine.

They were the first Maryland residents to be so recognized since 1931.

Closer to Baltimore - and perhaps more appealing for the kindergarten set - the FFA chapter at Hereford

high school on York road near Gunpowder State Park (Baltimore County) will again operate its "kiddie farm" for the afternoon.

This will offer children a chance to touch or pet a wide array of small animals and fowl, including a dairy calf, rabbits, goats, sheep, ponies, ducks, geese and baby pigs. There will also be pony rides and hayrides.

Paid admission is required at the Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster and at the National Colonial Farm west of Accokeek, off the Indian-Head highway (route 210), in extreme southwest Prince Georges County.

All other locations involve no charges whatsoever. And most of them will also offer free refreshments. This means ice-cold milk at the dairy farms and homemade lemonade or iced tea at many other farms. Some county groups will even be serving free cookies.

One of the Washington County farms will offer a nostalgic look at old-time small grain harvesting with a horse-drawn binder - weather permitting. The

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wheat or barley will be shocked for curing and later hauled to the Hagerstown Fairground for a steam-engine threshing demonstration during the Washington County Agricultural Bicentennial Days festivities on July 6-8.

Site for the old-time grain harvesting will be the Donald Spickler farm northwest of Hagerstown. The farm is located one mile west of Fairview, off highway 494, or eight miles northeast of Clear Spring on Spickler road.

Brochures giving directions to all 24 participating farms are now available at county Extension offices in participating counties and at public libraries throughout the Baltimore-Annapolis-Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Additional information is available from the office of Roy D. Porter, Extension coordinator for special agricultural programs at the University of Maryland in College Park. His telephone number is (301) 454-3712 or 454-4064.

## Debra Kreider

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blue balloons and streamers and the contest included an opening presentation with the seven contestants parading with Uncle Sam hats, waving miniature flags. Patriotic musical selections were sung by Jane Ayers, accompanied by Glenn Hough.

During the on-stage interview, Miss Kreider was asked what she would do if all her peers ordered cola on an outing. She said she would try to convince them to try dairy products - if they didn't want to drink milk she would tell them to use some other form. She said she would also point out the nutritional value of milk.

A surprised winner, Miss Kreider said, "I can't believe it. I think it will be really fun and I'm looking forward to the opportunity of meeting people. I'll do the best I can."

William Roberts, executive chef at the Lemon Tree Restaurant and a former Berks County dairy farmer and American Dairy Association representative, was master of ceremonies for the event. The contestants and judges enjoyed a get acquainted lunch at the Lemon Tree earlier in the day of the contest.

Judges were Mrs. Karen Laughman, district Dairy Princess coordinator,

Thomasville; Ray Weber, general manger, Dairy Council, Philadelphia; and William Dickinson, Federal Land Bank, Lebanon.

A patio reception featuring milk punch and cheeses preceded the dinner and contest.

Earlier contestants had been guests at a tea held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Akers, Quarryville, parents of the 1975 Dairy Princess, and had participated in a dairy promotion at the Park City Shopping Center.

Chairpersons for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crider, Nottingham. Co-chairman was Mrs. Robert H. Kaufman, Elizabethtown.

Debra was a member of the chorus and drama department at Manheim Central, as well as the Junior Executive Council and the Future Homemakers of America. She has been a member of the Red Rose Baby Beef 4-H Club for seven years, and is active in the youth group at Mount Joy Mennonite Church.

She works part time in the dairy store which is part of her father's operation, Noah Kreider & Sons partnership. There are currently 525 Holsteins being milked in the operation. Debra has another part time job as waitress at the Horseless Carriage Restaurant in Ephrata.

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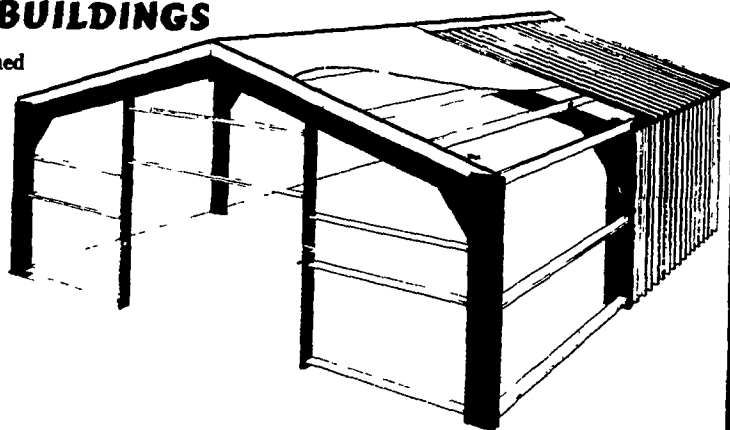


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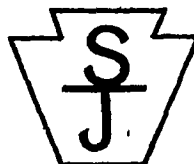
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