

Farm Calendar

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Peach Blossom Festival at Maple Lawn Farms, New Park, today and tomorrow.

Free public grafting demonstration sponsored by the Pennsylvania Nut Growers' Association. Shermanata Grange Hall, Duncannon, Pa., 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, April 18

Berks County Conservation District Seedling Sale pick-up at the Ag Center. **Conrad Weiser Adult Farmers have Ladies' Night.** Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Wilbur Erb, Mount Joy.

Lancaster County sheep producers hold barn meeting at Clyde Brubaker farm. Penn State's livestock specialist, Ben Morgan, will demonstrate several management practices. 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19

20th annual public sale for March of Dimes at Green Dragon Market, Ephrata. 6 p.m.

Berks County Conservation District Seedling Sale pick-up, at the Ag Center. **Ephrata Area Young Farmers** monthly meeting, 7:45 p.m. at the high school. Program on forage preservatives.

Lower Dauphin FFA banquet, 6:45 p.m. at the high school.

Public hearing for the Southeastern Penna. Milk Marketing Area, 23rd floor, Holiday Inn, City Line Avenue and Monument Road, Philadelphia. 10 a.m.

Kirkwood 4-H Club organizational meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Union Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, April 20
Lebanon County land-use meeting, Municipal Building, Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday April 21
Anabel Combs Lasker speaks at open meeting of Green Acres Garden Club, Lancaster. 1:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center. No charge. **Workshop on maintenance of broadleaf and evergreen ornamentals** through pruning, fertilization, and pest control. Lawn care will also be discussed. **Robert Nuss**, Penn State Extension specialist, presides at meeting, to be held at the York County Area Vo-Tech School, near the Queensgate Shopping Center, Room 220, at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 23
Food Co-op conference on direct marketing, Canaan Baptist Church, Germantown. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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It is up to farmers to be sure that a 5 gallon tank of fresh water is attached to anhydrous ammonia vehicles. It's also recommended that a plastic squeeze bottle of water be carried in a shirt pocket to flush the eyes immediately, should contact with anhydrous occur. Following first aid the victim should be quickly moved to a larger water supply for more copious flushing of the eyes, followed by immediate medical attention.



NATURE WALK...
Elevated boardwalks give visitors eye-level view of animals native to area at Cypress Point, a five acre island at Silver Springs, Florida.

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FROM THE EAST

76 week old H & N's have produced 270 eggs per hen housed on 3.63# feed per dozen eggs. Total lay house mortality has been only 5.8%.

WEST COAST

32 week old H & N flock reported laying 91.3%. This is the 4th week over 91%. Another flock reported laying 90.5% at 27 weeks of age. Flock of 15 week old pullets reported with 2% mortality to date.

CANADA

Producer reports 23,888 H & N's broke with MG at 83% production, but still produced 284.7 eggs/HH to 83 weeks of age. Feed conversion for the entire cycle was 3.89# and mortality averaged .47% per month.

Organization reports undergrades from H & N's far lower than any other breed they have seen. Below are actual current grade outs from "Nick Chicks."

No. Flocks	Age in Wks.	% Lge. & Ex. Lge.	% Under Grade
1	31-35	60.9	3.6
2	36-40	79.2	4.1
3	41-45	81.1	4.9
2	46-50	85.0	6.2
4	51-55	86.0	6.0
3	56-60	85.8	6.7
1	61-65	78.8	5.1
3	66-70	86.6	7.0
2	71-75	89.0	7.5

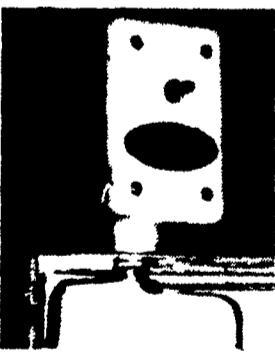
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