

Part-time farmer seminar slated

LANCASTER — A special seminar for part-time farmers is scheduled to take place here at the Farm and Home Center on Saturday, March 17, beginning at 9 a.m. Anyone involved or interested in part-time farming is invited to attend.

According to Lancaster County Extension Director Max M. Smith, the program may also be of interest to rural, non-farm residents owning just a few head of livestock, poultry, or a few acres of land.

The registration deadline is March 13. Those interested in attending should contact the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service, Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Drive, Lancaster, Pa. 17601. Phone 717-394-6851.

The topics which will be discussed at various workshops include crops and soils; dairy cattle and goats; livestock; poultry and rabbits. After a welcoming message from County Agent Smith, the first workshop will begin and last until 10 a.m. The second workshop commences shortly thereafter. At 11 a.m. there will be a general session on tax planning, pest control, record keeping, and testing services. The program ends at noon.

Visitors to the Part-Time Farmers' Seminar will have the opportunity to participate in two 45-minute workshops. Each workshop will be offered twice. Smith asks that each interested person indicate the two workshops of their choice on the preregistration form. The completed form, which is reproduced below, should then be mailed to the Extension Service.

In the crops and soils workshop, emphasis will be on small acreage production of grain and forage crops. In the dairy and goat session, coordinators will stress basic management of the family cow or small goat herd. Areas covered will include feeding, housing, health and general management.

Livestock enthusiasts will hear about basic management of beef cattle, swine and sheep. Feeding, housing, health, and general economics will be discussed.

In the poultry and rabbits classes, emphasis will be placed on management of the small poultry flock. Topics include laws, lighting, ventilation, diseases, feeding, and egg handling.

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PRE-REGISTRATION
Part-Time Farmers Seminar

NAME _____ Phone No. _____

ADDRESS _____

Please indicate the two workshops that you wish to attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> #1) Crops & Soils | <input type="checkbox"/> #3) Livestock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #2) Dairy & Goats | <input type="checkbox"/> #4) Poultry & Rabbits |

Please return to: Agricultural Extension Service, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601. Pre-registration can also be made by calling 394-6851.

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Uncounted operators are urged to write for a farm census report form to: Bureau of the Census, 1201 East 10th Street, Jeffersonville, Ind. 47132. The census has been underway since January 1, 1979.

Bureau officials remind farmers and ranchers that the census will include producers of many commodities not often thought of as agricultural. Among these are rabbits, goats, honey and honey bees, fish in captivity, worms, and ducks, pheasants, quail, and

pigeons or squab. Greenhouse and such nursery products as sod, mushrooms, greenhouse vegetables, cut flowers, and bulbs are also on the list as farm and ranch products. Any commercial producer of these commodities should fill out a census report form. Bureau officials also remind farm operators that the quicker report forms are returned to the Bureau the less it will cost in follow-up work to complete collection of census data.



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