

Lancaster Dairy Day Scheduled Tuesday

LANCASTER — Dairy men and other individuals interested in dairy farming are invited to attend the Annual Lancaster County Dairy Day, March 4 at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

Come as early as 9 a.m. to enjoy coffee and donuts and

an opportunity to inspect the commercial exhibits, or observe the demonstration on screen testing milk or antibiotics.

Dr. Lawrence Hutchinson, Penn State Extension veterinarian, will discuss the problems of nitrates in feed and water. This has been a

growing concern to many local dairy farmers. In the afternoon, Dr. Hutchinson will also discuss programs for raising healthy calves and heifers.

About mid-morning, a panel of dairy farmers will share their experiences with several types of mastitis: coliform, mycoplasma, strep and staph infections. The three panelists will be Donald Ranck, Paradise; Jay Frey, Washington Boro;

and David Windle, Cochranville.

Alfalfa is an important forage crop for dairymen. Donald Robinson, Garden Spot Vo-Ag Adult Instructor, will update dairymen on managing alfalfa for top yield and for top quality.

Prior to lunch, and during the lunch hour, farmers will have the opportunity to become recertified as private applicators. Interested persons should be

sure to bring their application permits to the meeting. David Thompson, Pesticides Coordinator for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be present to explain the recertification program.

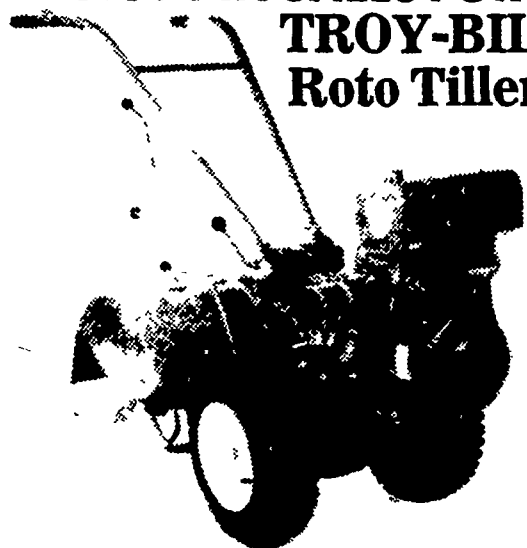
After lunch, Stephen Spencer, Penn State Dairy Specialist, will talk about "stray" voltage problems, which plague many dairymen and interfere with herd performance and udder

health. He'll also discuss ideas for reducing energy costs by reclaiming and utilizing the heat given off in the process of cooling milk.

Recently, the use of prostaglandins has been approved for use with dairy heifers. This gives dairymen a new tool for use in their breeding program.

Michael O'Conner, Penn State's new dairy specialist, will discuss its application to dairy cattle breeding.

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Berks slates swine meetings

BETHEL — The Berks County extension service invites all swine producers to two upcoming swine meetings, on March 5th and 6th.

Mid-Way Diner, exit 5 off of Route 78 near Bethel, will be host to the March 5 all-day meeting, starting at 9 a.m. The March 6 evening meeting will be held at O.J. Roberts High School, Rt. 23 just off of Rt. 100, South of Pottsville, starting at 6 p.m.

Swine farrowing will be the subject covered in the morning session on March 5. Producers are welcome at 9 a.m. for coffee, doughnuts and to visit the commercial exhibits.

The program and speakers are as follows: "Selection of Breeding Stock-Characteristics for the Commercial Producer", Dwight Younkin, PSU Extension Swine Specialist; "Artificial Insemination - Is It For You?", panel of producers; "Meaningful Records", Virgil Crowley, PSU Extension Farm Management Specialist; "Health &

Diseases of Today", Dr. Tim Trayer, Valley Animal Hospital; followed by a Pork Bar-B.Q. Luncheon.

The afternoon's program centers on Swine Feeding and includes: "Marketing - The Packers Viewpoint", Henry Gruber A & B Packing; "Feeding High Moisture Corn", panel of feed and silo officials, and producers; and a synopsis on feeder pigs, with "Buying", by Dr. Tim Trayer; "Feeding", Dwight Younkin; and "Diseases", Dr. Jerry Applegate; Swine Specialist for Pennfield Feeds. Reservations are needed for the luncheon.

The evening of March 6 will begin with an informal "Ask the Experts" question and answer period, with coffee and doughnuts. This period will be for producers to talk to the speakers.

Following this session the program includes: "Outlook The Slow Death", Jerry Clemens, Hatfield Packing Co. and Dwight Younkin, PSU Extension Swine Specialist. — "Meaningful

Records", Virgil Crowley, PSU Extension Farm Management Specialist, "Diseases - The Quick Death", Dr. John Sellers, MVD, Chester County Veterinarian and Dr. Charles Clark, VMD., Chief Laboratory Division, Pennsylvania Veterinarian Diagnostic Laboratory, and "Improve Reproduction

Efficiency" Dwight Younkin and Ken Keiphart, PSU Extension Assistant.

For more information on these two meetings and a reservation form for the Luncheon on March 5 call Clyde A. B. Myers, Berks County Agent, at the Berks County Agricultural Center, 215/378-1327.

Lancaster 4-H Dairy Clubs reorganizing

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Dairy Clubs will be holding their reorganizational meetings during the month of March.

Interested youth are invited to attend these meetings and enroll as a member of a club of their choosing.

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Swiss, Jersey 4-H Dairy Club will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 10 at the home of David Harnish, 10 S. Hess St., Quarryville. Leaders of the club are Milton Brubaker, Kenneth Eshleman, David Harnish and Donald Trimble.

The Golden Guernsey 4-H Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 11 at the home of Raymond Witmer, Route 222, south of the Pequea Creek, about 7 miles south of Lancaster. Club leaders are Jesse Balmer and Peter Witmer.

The Lancaster County 4-H Holstein Dairy Club is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. on March 25 in the basement Community Room of Park City Mall, Lancaster. Club leaders consist of: Gary Akers, Elam Bollinger, Rodney Denlinger, Elvin Hess, Robert H. Kauffman, Jay Landis, Kenneth Rutt, and Earl Stauffer.

4-H Dairy club work gives youth the responsibility of owning and caring for their own dairy cattle. As part of their project requirement, they keep income and expense, feed and health records on their cattle. In addition to learning how to properly care for their cattle, the members are encouraged to train and groom them for show.

In addition to caring for their project animal, the members elect officers and conduct their own club meetings and help to plan their club's program. They participate in a variety of activities: tours, dairy cattle judging sessions, fun nights, community service projects, etc.

To be eligible for membership, youth should be between the ages of 8 and 18 as of January 1 and they are expected to own by May 1 a dairy heifer that is registered in their name and born prior to March 31 of this year. For more information, contact Lancaster Extension Office (717) 394-6851.

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