

Ephrata first in reasons

Franklin Co. sweeps Dairy Contest

UNIVERSITY PARK — Two Franklin County 4-H dairy judging teams walked away with the first two places at the Penn State Dairy Cattle Judging Contest on April 12.

Over 250 contestants competed in the contest, part of the 55th Dairy Exposition, an annual event at Penn State. The contest was open to 4-H and FFA members, along with students from the university.

Twenty-seven teams competed in the 4-H division. The Franklin County A team came through the competition with the highest score. The team members included Tim Donough, Kelly Cordell, and Paul Cashell, all from Chambersburg.

Tim Donough was the high over-all contestant in the 4-H division.

Coming in second was the Franklin B team, consisting

of Arlan Crider, Rodney Crider, Roger Crider, from Chambersburg, and Nancy Broke, Mercersburg.

The Franklin 4-H teams were led to victory by Coach James Burdette.

The third place team in the dairy judging competition travelled to University Park from Crawford County. Team members were Melanie Alsdorf, Spartansburg; Joe Holler, Annabell Crom, and Pamela Crom, from Jamestown.

Keith Stoltzfus, R1 Morgantown, Chester County, was recognized as the contestant who delivered the best oral reasons for his placings in the competition.

Twenty-five teams and 108 contestants competed in the FFA division.

The first place FFA team was the Mansfield B team, made up of Jennifer Robbins, Mainesburg; Glenda Brewer, Millerstown;

Stephanie Kocher, Mansfield; and Laurie Kasper, Columbia Cross Roads.

Second place went to the A team from West Perry. Members of this team included George Rice, Blain; Duane Richard and Danny Albright of Landisburg; and Marlen Burkholder, Ickesburg.

The A team from Mansfield, consisting of Lyle Sherman and Steve Smith of Mansfield, along with Todd Tice and Keith Robbins of Mainesburg, took home the third place honors.

Capturing first place in the FFA reasons competition were team members from the Ephrata A team. Marvin Weiler, Stevens; Joanna Gehman and Jewel Gehman, Ephrata; and Diane Weaver, Akron, with the help of coach Lewis Ayers, brought home honors for their Lancaster County school.

The Little Dutchmen of Annville-Cleona took second place in reasons. The team members included Alan Hostetter, Edwin Hostetter, and Brian Tshedy of Annville, along with Daryi Balmer, Lebanon. Coaching the team was Lowell Morton.

Team members of Manor FFA came in third place in reasons at the contest. Jeff Burkholder, Washington Boro; Robert Musser, Donerville; Kim Miller, Millersville, and Karen

Lorry, Willow Street, made up this Lancaster County team coached by Steven Smith.

High individual in the FFA dairy judging competition and second in oral reasons was Alan Hostetter, Annville. Steve Kaufman, Elizabethtown, was high individual in oral reasons.

In the professional collegiate division, Lloyd Pease of Susquehanna was first over-all and in oral reasons, Lori Sollenberger of

Everett was second and third-in reasons. Third place over-all and second in reasons was Paul Knight of Airville.

George Hartzell of Shippery Rock was the first place winner in the amateur collegiate division. Second and third places were won by Robert McCarthy, Aaron-sburg, and Tom Tellho, Saegertown, respectively.

The contest was sponsored by the Penn State Dairy Science Club.

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Farm alcohol course offered by Maryland college

NORTHEAST, Md. — The Community Services and Continuing Education Division of Cecil Community College, announced Monday that, in cooperation with the Science Department at the college, it will be offering a concentrated four-day course on Alcohol Fuel Production for Farmers.

The course will be offered in multiple sections, May 19 to 22, May 27 to 30, and June 3 to 6. There will be additional offerings in August, November and December.

According to Dale Ziegler, Director of Community Services and Continuing Education, each concentrated course will be four days in length. The first three days will be held day and evenings from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided for the first three days and lunch only on the fourth day. Class will end at 4:30 p.m. the final day.

William Charlton, Project Director for the Alcohol

Fuels Project, said, "The workshop will explore the various aspects of alcohol fuels from the farmer's point of view."

The course content will include: the decision to produce fuel-grade ethanol, plant design, energy factors, process controls, marketing the by-product, Federal and State licensing requirements, the chemistry and microbiology of mash preparation and fermentation, and the chemistry involved in distillation.

He added the participants will also perform laboratory exercises in mash preparation and distillation in producing fuel grade alcohol.

The bulk of the teaching will be performed by Charlton, assistant professor of chemistry, and Bradley Walker, assistant professor of biology at Cecil Community College. In addition, there will also be guest

speakers from the Alcohol Tax and Tobacco Department and others.

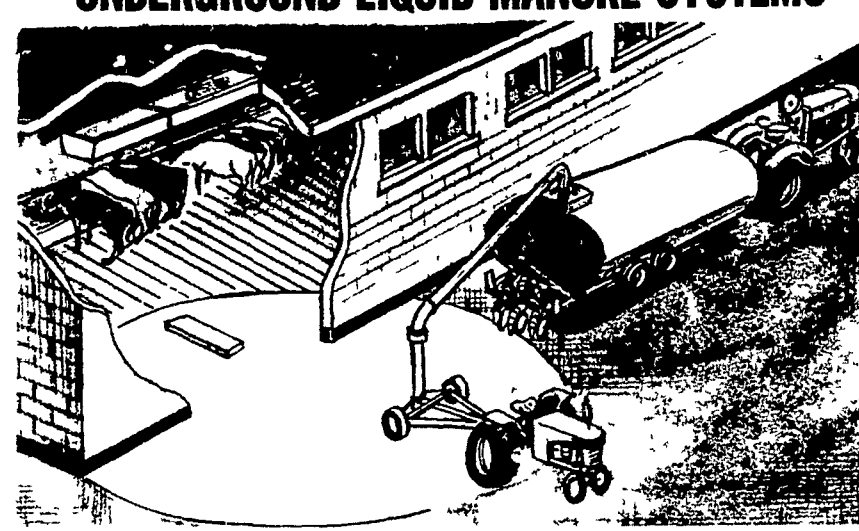
Cecil Community College is one of approximately 40 training centers to receive a Federal grant from the Department of Energy, Office of Consumer Affairs, through funds provided by the Office of Small Scale Technology, for providing alcohol production training.

It serves the Maryland region. The college is located in North East, Maryland, near the Pennsylvania and Delaware borders.

Tuition for the course is \$250. The registration for each section will be limited to 20 participants.

For additional information, contact Bill Charlton or Dale Ziegler at 301/287-6060, 658-4836, or 398-8818. Registrations now are being accepted.

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