

# 900 attend Penn-Jersey Harvestore meetings

LANCASTER — Some 900 area farmers and members of their families attended the annual meetings held by Penn-Jersey Harvestore Systems, Inc., of New Holland, on Wednesday and Thursday at the Host Farm.

The meeting program included various Harvestore product discussions, a talk on soybean and mulo forage and a holiday dinner.

Among speakers on Thursday afternoon was dairy farmer Daniel S Stoltzfus, R3 Mount Joy, who discussed his experience with a Slurrystore system.

The Stoltzfus' operation,

which totals 200 cows and young stock, includes 111 acres and another 60 rented acres.

Stoltzfus said that his 500,000-gallon capacity Slurrystore permits him to handle his liquid manure essentially only twice a year.

"It makes my manure handling much more flexible," he said.

"Before, I had to haul it a couple times a week in all kinds of weather."

Now, one application is made just after the corn is chopped. It is immediately disced and chiseled into the

ground. Then, rye is planted.

The second application comes in spring just after making ryeelage.

Some manure is also applied to the wheat stubble before sowing alfalfa.

Stoltzfus said the system is a great time-saver, permitting manure application to be limited to about 60 hours a year. It is a great convenience, too, according to Stoltzfus, and eliminates any nuisance problems.

"But the bottom line is how much money it has saved me," Stoltzfus emphasized.

"In last year's soil test, the

second year with the Slurrystore, I found that I was high in everything.

"The only thing I added was a little bit of starter fertilizer for the corn. And I harvested 150-bushel corn."

"I had savings of \$60 to \$70 an acre over the rented land on which we don't use the liquid manure."

Stoltzfus also had good success with his alfalfa crop this past year. Using the liquid manure, he had at least four cuttings and had five on some.

The Slurrystore system saves a lot of nutrients, Stoltzfus commented upon

ending his presentation.

Soybeans and mulo forage was discussed by John E Shirley, associate professor of agriculture at Western Kentucky University.

Continually rising feed costs and the escalating costs of land are requiring farmers to take a look at new ways of making better utilization of their land, he said.

Soybeans and mulo forage offer a new alternative, he explained.

It won't be a replacement for alfalfa, he explained, but could be valuable in certain situations, such as double-

cropping, to utilize wet lands or as a short-season crop.

It has been used when alfalfa is being renovated, he said. Plantings between the old and new stands reduce problems.

The meeting program also included a Harvestore owners panel. Members on Wednesday were Michael Appold, Montgomery County; Mac Bayer, Lenhartsville, and Barclay Hoopes, Landenburg. On Thursday, panel members were Elam Rutt, Ephrata; Dale Umble, Christiana; and Lewis Werner, Fredericksburg.

## Here's explanation of market report terms

LITITZ — Here is a brief explanation of the revised market news terminology used in Lancaster Farming's market news reports.

**MARKET** - A term with several meanings. a. A geographic location where a commodity is traded. b. The price, or price level, at which a commodity is traded. c. (verb) To sell.

**MARKET ACTIVITY** - The pace at which sales are being made. **Active** - Available supplies (Offerings) are readily clearing the market. **Moderate** - Available supplies (Offerings) are clearing the market at a reasonable rate. **Slow** - Available supplies (Offerings) are not readily clearing the market. **Inactive** - Sales are intermittent with few buyers or sellers.

**PRICE TREND** - Refers to the direction that prices are moving in relation to trading in the previous reporting period (s). **Higher** - When the majority of sales are at prices measurable higher than the previous trading session. **Firm** - Prices are tending higher, but not measurably so. **Steady** - Prices are unchanged from previous trading session. **Weak** - Prices are tending lower, but not measurably so. **Lower** - When prices for most sales are measurably lower than the previous trading session.

**SUPPLY/OFFERINGS** - The quantity of a particular item available for current trading. **Heavy** - When the volume of supplies is above average for the market being reported. **Moderate** - When the volume of supplies is average for the market being reported. **Light** - When the volume of supplies is below average for the market being reported.

**DEMAND** - The desire to possess a commodity coupled with the willingness and ability to pay. **Very Good** - Offerings or supplies are rapidly absorbed. **Good** - Firm confidence on the part of buyers that general market conditions are good. Trading is more active than normal. **Moderate** - Average buyer interest and trading. **Light** - Demand is below average. **Very Light** - Few buyers are interested in trading.

**MOSTLY** - The majority of sale or volume.

**UNDERTONE** - Situation or sense of direction in an unsettled market situation.



**SEASONAL SIMILARITY:** This photo depicts a striking similarity between two different structures - the Forest Hills Mennonite church along Quarry Road, Leola, Lancaster County, in the foreground and the barn in the background. Both have spires reaching skyward -- one a steeple and the other a silo. The high-pitched roof angles are repeated in

both. Even the white-framed windows resemble each other. But at this season of the year, the similarity ranges well beyond physical appearance. Both stand as rural symbols of the traditional seasonal message: Peace on earth; Good Will to all men.

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