

# N.J. to celebrate farmers week

TRENTON, N.J. — Farmers' Week traditionally has had it all and the 1981 schedule of events for the 110th annual New Jersey Farmers' Week bears that out.

There are commodity interest activities, such as, the annual Horse Industry Awards Dinner Dance, the Dairy Interests Luncheon, programs for swine growers, beekeepers, dairy goat enthusiasts, Christmas tree growers. Organization meetings, luncheons and dinners abound...the Farmers Home Administration and Farm Credit Service

luncheon, Farmers and Bankers Dinner, and many more.

The key event, however, will be the 66th State Agricultural Convention, with general session set for Tuesday, January 27. The theme this year is: "Commitment: The Key to New Jersey Agriculture's Future." There will be opportunities for all to participate in the discussions.

The general session, to be held in Cherry Hill Inn, will also feature four Citations for Distinguished Service to Agriculture and the State Board of Agriculture's

Outstanding Young Farmer Award

There are two important events of Farmers' Week scheduled to be held in Hunterdon County The Dairy Interests Luncheon, Pfenningers Hilltop Inn, on Thursday, January 29, 12 noon; and the Garden State Dairy Goat Association Luncheon, Ryland Inn, Saturday, January 31, 1:00 p.m.

The Dairy Interests program is becoming more and more popular. Featured on the program the past several years have been leading, young dairymen. Format has been a panel,

usually addressing a specific subject. This year is no exception. The topic for the dairyman panel: "Milking Systems...equipment, care and its operation."

Panelists will be John Hubschmidt, Bridgeton, and from our local area, J.H. "Jack" VanCleaf of neighboring Somerset County

It should be interesting. Both have rather different philosophies. Hubschmidt is a registered Holstein breeder, shows, classifies his cows for type, tests, raises his own replacements. Jack Van Cleaf, on the other

hand, operates a more commercial dairy. His prime concern is milk production. He purchases replacements, is an excellent cow "buyer". He feeds and cares for his cows very well. His aim is "milk for profit."

Both men have new facilities, built within the past couple of years. Both do an exceptional job of milking and were strongly recommended by their milking equipment suppliers.

The VanCleaf farm is impressive. The dairy barn houses 550 cows. The milking parlor is a double-12, that's

12 cows on a side. Three men milk.

Silage is stored in a tremendous bunk silo, and is fed, along with wet brewers grains and Jack's own grain mix, with a side-unloading wagon...right down the feed bunks on both sides of the barn.

Other topics on the Dairy Interests program will be "Outlook for Dairy," and an update on Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, and Salmonellosis in dairy cattle in the state.

Luncheon reservations may be made by calling the Extension Service Office, 201/788-1339

# Light snow cover endangers foreign crops

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A lack of sufficient snowcover leaves dormant grain crops vulnerable to winterkill in the Western USSR, northern Europe and parts of China, while unusually cold weather prevails in the eastern United States according to a weekly report issued by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility of the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture

Highlights of the report follow

United States. Temperatures plunged 6-15 degrees below normal in the northeastern states, and temperatures fell below freezing as far south as northern Florida. Farm

activities slowed in the Midwest because of intermittent snow; the heaviest amounts fell in the Great Lakes area.

Mild weather continued over the Rocky Mountains and western Great Plains with snowcover now limited to the higher elevations.

The only significant rain of the past week was the one to two inches that fell in the coastal mountains of the Pacific Northwest.

Western USSR. Though most of the Western USSR winter wheat crop remains dormant, temperatures fluctuating around freezing reduced snowcover and increased the crop's susceptibility to winterkill. Over the weekend

however, some 5-10 cm of snow did fall in some areas—the Baltic States, Belorussia and the northern Ukraine.

China. With most of the winter wheat areas virtually free of snow and temperatures averaging below normal for the week, the dormant crop remains vulnerable to winterkill, particularly in northern areas.

Europe. Though much of Europe received some precipitation this past week, most crop areas remained without snowcover. Winter wheat remains dormant in the northern countries, while some crop growth continues in the western and southern areas where temperatures

have averaged above freezing.

South America. Locally heavy showers occurred in the corn and soybean belts of Brazil and Argentina this past week. Moisture supplies are generally adequate for both crops as they progress through vegetative development. Temperatures were averaging above normal in most crop areas.

South Africa. Temperatures were also running above normal in South Africa's Maize Triangle last week, though rainfall was below normal. Soil moisture is now adequate, but the crop will need periodic rainfall over the next several weeks as it progresses to the reproductive stage.

Australia. Dry weather provided excellent conditions for the wheat harvest continuing in the southern areas, while showers benefited spring-sown crops

in Queensland.

India. Rains early in the week in the Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh helped winter wheat crops in those areas.

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