

Farm Calendar

Sunday, March 7

Philadelphia Flower Show opens, Civic Center, 34th & Civic Center Blvd, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., continues through next Sunday
Garden State Dairy Goat Association meeting, Somerset County 4-H Center, Milltown Road, Bridgewater Twp

Monday, March 9

Home vegetable gardening, 7:30 p.m., Farm & Home Center, Lancaster

Direct marketing meeting, Community Room, Boscov's Shopping Mall, Selinsgrove

Hedging workshop, 9 a.m., Founders Hall, Hershey

Sheep & swine meeting, Flemington, Hunterdon County, N.J. extension center, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10

Sheep producers workshop, Penn State campus, concludes tomorrow

Direct marketing meeting, Ramada Inn, Chunchilla.

Cedar Crest FFA annual banquet, 7:30 p.m., Middle School

Hedging workshop, York Extension Office, Pleasant Acres, 9 a.m.

What's New in Farm Equipment meeting, 8 p.m., Myersdale High Vo-Ag Room

Soybean, sunflower, sorghum, Valley Bank & Trust, 11 a.m., Shippensburg

Farm Supply quality control meeting, Ephrata Area Young Farmers, 7:45 p.m., high school ag classroom

Adams County farm forum, 1 p.m., York Springs Fire Hall

Hunterdon County, N.J., pesticide applicators training, 8 p.m., Extension Center, Flemington, N.J.

North Jersey fruit growers, 9 a.m., Watchung View Inn, Rt 206, Pluckemin, N.J.

Lebanon County Extension annual meeting, 7 p.m., Schaeferstown Fire Hall

Wednesday, March 11

American Park Congress, Kansas City, Mo., continues through Friday

Regional celery growers, 1:30 p.m., Farm and Home Center, Lancaster

Pa. turkey conference, Keller Bldg., Penn State, concludes tomorrow.

Kent & Sussex Co DHIA annual meeting, 7 p.m., Felton, Del Fire Hall

Southeast Pa forage meeting, O J Roberts High, Bucktown

Milk processors meeting, 6 p.m., Holiday Inn, King of Prussia

Hedging workshop, Valley Bank, Shippensburg, 9 a.m.

York County Farmers Union meeting on ag districts, 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Acres

Adams County sheep meeting, Extension Office, Gettysburg, 7:30 p.m.

Brecknock Twp zoning hearing, 7:30 p.m., Bowmansville Elementary School

Thursday, March 12

Greenwood Farmers Woodland Management meeting, 7:30 p.m., Greenwood H S Library

Farm transfer meeting, 7:30 p.m., Farm & Home Center

Butterfat test meeting, Berlin-Brothersville High cafeteria, 8 p.m.

Garden Spot FFA annual banquet, 7 p.m., Lampeter-Strasburg High School cafeteria

Montgomery County extension annual meeting, 6:15 p.m., Christopher Dick High School, Kulpville

Friday, March 13

Red Lion Young Farmers banquet, St John's United Church of Christ

Bradford Co Jersey Cattle Club, North Towanda Methodist Church

Manheim FFA annual banquet, 7 p.m., Ruh's United Methodist Church.

Somerset County Holstein Club annual meeting, 7 p.m., Berlin Community Bldg

Pa Egg Marketing Assn meeting, 7 p.m., Sheraton-Conestoga, Lancaster.

Saturday, March 14

Adams Co Beef Producers Beef Ball, Irishtown Fire Hall, 6 p.m.

Lancaster County FFA poultry contest, 9 a.m., Weaver Quality Eggs

Delaware 4-H horsemanship clinic, 8 a.m., Del State Fairgrounds, Harrington

Delaware to hold several farm meetings

NEWARK, Del — Now is the time of year for meetings. The Delaware Extension Service and local dairy industries have

scheduled several events for this month and March.

George Haenlein, extension dairy specialist at the University of Delaware, says meetings are more than just gatherings; they provide opportunities for farmers to increase their education and receive new ideas.

Haenlein says dairy farmers should be aware of these upcoming events.

March 10: Tour of the Mason Dixon farm in Pennsylvania to see the biogas facilities.

Biogas is fuel made from the methane in manure. This gas can be used to power tractors, heat homes, and to generate electricity.

March 28: Open house at the Ed Fry farm near Galena, Md., to view new milking and waste disposal methods.

The Dairy Herd Improvement Association has also scheduled several meetings in March which will survey the progress of dairy farms in the state:

March 3: Annual meeting of the New Castle County DHIA in Pencader Grange in Glasgow at 7:00 p.m.

March 11: Kent County and

Sussex County DHIA meeting in Felton Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m.

March 14 to 22: National Annual DHIA meeting. Tour of California dairy farms, and a look at leading dairy herds in the United States.

Programs have also been scheduled for young farmers.

Regional Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University 2-day educational workshop. An opportunity for outstanding 4-H'ers and FFA'ers in the five-state region to attend classes and practice sessions on dairy reproduction, including A.I. and ova transplant.

Five students from Delaware were chosen to attend the VPI workshop this year: Lee Emerson, Middletown; Susan Blendt, Townsend; Susan Deputy, William Penn High School FFA; Doug Cavender, William Penn High School FFA; and Maurina Haven, also of William Penn High School FFA. They will be accompanied by Herman Cook, adult 4-H leader from Newark.

For further information about any of the meetings, contact any Delaware county extension agent.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I'm finally getting around to writing this one month after the article on the Farm Show steers was printed January 24.

As a Simmental breeder and mother of a 4-H'er, I have to ask why should there be a weight limit but not a weight limit. Why should a kid be penalized because his steer grew fast and big as long as he grades? Why should a kid have to coast a steer at all?

Several years ago, my son showed a crossbred Simmental steer to reserve champion. He weighed 1300 lbs. at 15 mos and graded high good. If he could have gone on beyond the weight limit I have no doubt he would have graded choice.

Isn't the 4-H program supposed to teach kids how to raise beef to make a profit? Well, if nobody else can see that getting a 1300 pounds 'zoo animal' to market in 15 months with a 65 percent yield isn't better than getting an 1100 pound one in 18 months, I sure can!

And, I have noticed lately in the market reports in the Lancaster Farming that Fatty Herefords are knocked down \$1 to \$2 a hundred!

Donna Gosnell
Reisterstown, Md.

Elanco to offer welding class

BLUE BALL — The Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program will offer a five week arc welding course to interested persons.

Instruction for the course was developed by the Lincoln Welding Company and is for non-welders, beginning welders and other welders who are interested in improving their welding skills.

Instruction will cover welding in the horizontal, vertical, and overhead positions. Welding of various types of metal, cutting, brazing, soldering, and hard-

surfacing with the arc welder will also be included in the course.

Classes will be held in the Vocational Agriculture Shop at Garden Spot High School Wednesday evening starting March 25 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

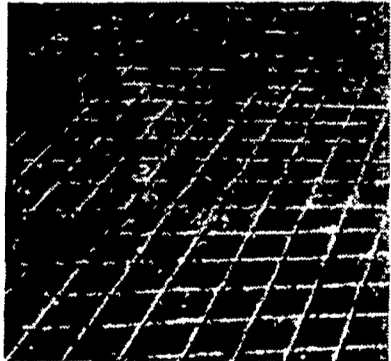
The class will be limited to the first 18 persons registered.

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