

Ag technology on display in next weekend's farm tours

LANCASTER — The latest in agricultural technology, including energy conservation and embryo transfers, will be on display next weekend in a series of nine farm tours planned by the Lancaster County Farmers' Association.

The tours, scheduled next Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., are being held by the Lancaster County Farmers' Association as part of the group's

annual Farm-City Program.

Brochures describing the tours and listing the locations of the host farms are available at the Lancaster County Extension Office in the Farm and Home Center. They will also be distributed countywide through elementary school students.

Participating farms will be marked with a "Farm Tour" sign for visitors.

Ag operations which will be open to the public for the program include (The numbers preceding each operation correspond to those shown in the accompanying location map):

1—Dairy goat operation of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fisher. Follow Rt. 72 north to Manheim, past the Auto Auction turn right on Buck Noll Road. The farm is about three-fourths of a mile on the left.

2—The sheep farm of the William Longenecker family. Shearing and fitting demonstrations will be held. In Mt. Joy turn right on Fairview Road to Risser Mill Road. It is the first farm on the left.

3—Em Tran, one of the largest embryo transfer facilities in the area, will display its laboratory area and other buildings for recipient heifers. On Rt. 230, two miles west of Elizabethtown, cross bridge and turn right to the first farm on the left.

4—The dairy operation of the Nelson Hershey family includes about 70 cows. Follow Rt. 462 to Mountville, turn left on Hershey Mill Road and then left on Rohrer Road.

5—Energy conservation will be featured at the Nelson Habecker dairy farm. The Habeckers utilize solar panels not only to help heat their home but also for heating domestic water. In the barn, heat from the milk cooling compressor is used to heat water for cleanup and also to heat the milk house. FFA and 4-H exhibits and petting animals will also be located on the Habecker farm. Follow Rt. 462 to Mountville, turn left on Donerville Road and then right on Habecker Church Road to the second farm on the right.

6—Florys Mill, both a wholesale

and retail operation, will have a milling exhibit. From the south side of the Rt. 283 bypass, exit at McGovernville to the Florys Mill Road.

7—The Cherry Hill orchard operation of the Richard Haas family. Storage, packing and sales areas will be on display. Follow the New Danville Pike south to the operation on the right.

8—Farm 2 of the Haas operation, including a tour of the orchard and display of equipment. Continue

south on the New Danville Pike, cross the New Danville intersection and turn right on Long Lane.

9—The dairy operation of John and Abram Barley, including some 800 head of stock, along with cow and heifer barns among the largest in the area. Follow Rt. 999 to Washington Boro and south on River Road. Just beyond Turkey Hill Dairy, turn right on Chestnut Grove Road to the first farm on the right.

Zimmermans add a little milk

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Loren has also used Valiant and Ivanhoe Star in his breeding program. And Osbornedale Ivanhoe has contributed to some of his breeding foundation.

One of the strongest cow families at Zimhaven Farm, began with an excellent Osbornedale Ivanhoe daughter in the 1960's. Her daughter, a Very Good 86, remains in the herd today and has provided the Zimmermans with two Good Plus daughters and one Very Good 87.

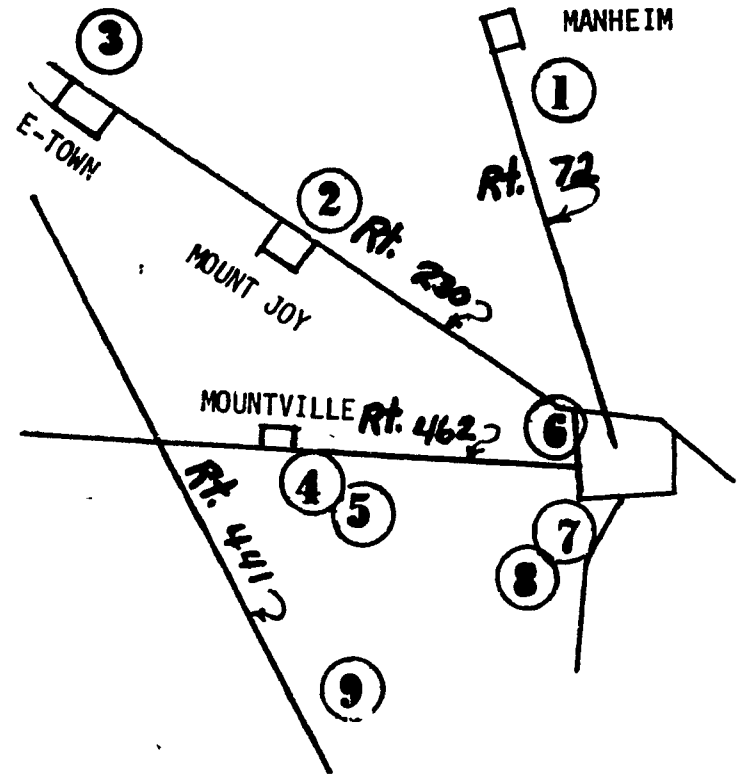
The East Earl couple have no immediate plans for expansion and intend to concentrate on just "catching up" on two years worth of animal registrations.

The Boston trip was a trade off. The Zimmermans received an education, both formal and informal, and in turn enlightened the city folks about dairying. It was an experience the friendly couple talk of with much enthusiasm.

"Don't be shocked," Loren teased, "if we do it again."



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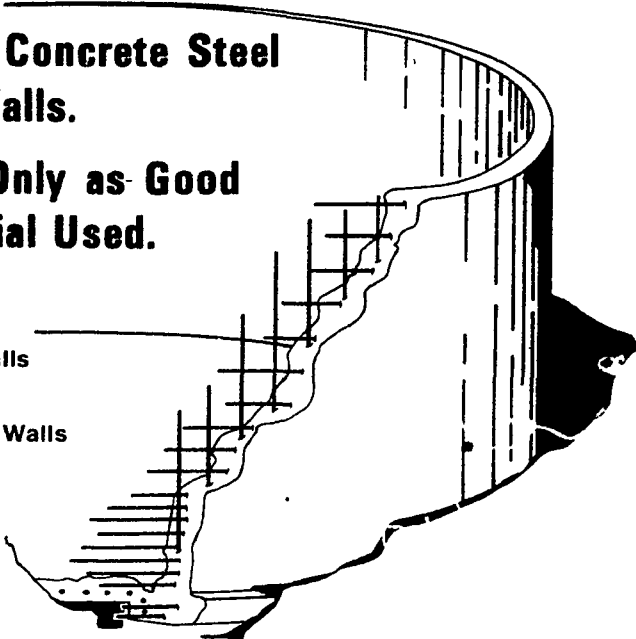
Map shows general locations of nine agricultural operations participating in Lancaster County's Farmers' Association tours next Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

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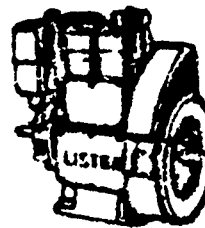
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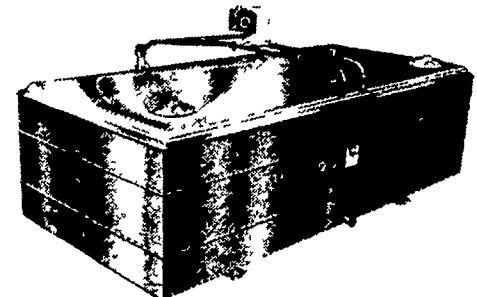
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