

Adams Co. Farmers Assn.

promotes ag through pictures

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GETTYSBURG — The Adams County Farmers Association has assembled a 20-minute slide

presentation and narrative entitled "Adams County Agriculture".

The presentation, created with the assistance of the Adams County Extension staff, depicts the

wide diversity of products produced throughout the county and is composed of slides submitted by individual Farmers Association members.

According to Adams County Farmers Association President Mervin K. Myers, Littlestown, the purpose of the presentation is... "to promote Adams County agriculture to the consumer. With 60 percent of the acreage of the county engaged annually in the production of farm products worth over 70 million dollars, we hope to get this story out to the public. We're showing it in the local schools and at a variety of meetings."

Adams County is among the leading counties in the United States for raising specialized

crops. The presentation deals with these specialized areas by presenting factual information about the crop's production and harvesting and then places the information in consumer oriented examples.

A sampling of this: "Adams County ranks first in peach production, harvesting over 500,000 bushels, and first in apple production with over 4 million bushels harvested each year. One apple tree when fully grown will produce enough apples to make about 225 pies each year."

The presentation also touches briefly on the subject of the farmer's problem in production from planting to harvesting and the necessities of keeping the farm a profitable business so that it continues to grow crops and not houses.

Those interested in obtaining the presentation for showing can do so by contacting Mervin Myers, Littlestown, 717/359-4383 or the Adams County Extension Service, Gettysburg, 717/334-6271.

Now is the Time

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may get the job done but also, may injure nearby turf or shrubbery. I'd suggest the use of sand or sawdust. These materials will make the surface safe without possible injury to vegetation. In areas without any vegetation salt will give good results. Along our main highways there is some evidence that the constant use of salt is inflicting injury to nearby trees and shrubs. Don't let this happen to your favorite tree, shrub, or the turf lining your walks.

To Control Livestock Parasites

The winter feeding program is underway and parasite-infested livestock are poor money makers. Body lice are often found on nearly all species of livestock; in cold weather the heavy hair coats makes it difficult to eradicate these pests. We urge two treatments at 12 to 14-day intervals for best results. Some cattle operators will have automatic louse control devices filled with an insecticide. This is excellent if materials are kept in the equipment. In milder weather cattle can be sprayed with the materials using cold water. Stomach worms should also be eradicated in order to make good use of high-priced feed. The local veterinarian can check fecal samples to determine the infection. Don't operate with parasite infestation of any kind.

OUR READERS WRITE

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welfare of farm animals? Or is this attack merely a thinly disguised membership drive by HSUS?

Some livestock producers feel it is part of a campaign to discourage the eating of meat, with a final goal of imposing vegetarianism on the public, and this campaign certainly supports that conclusion.

If the test of the British calf raising system endorsed in the HSUS ad campaign indicates it is better and economically practical, it will be adopted by veal producers. However, the British developer of that system has told U.S. producers it cannot be transferred intact to this country, but must be studied to determine which portions might be applicable under U.S. conditions.

If the care of farm animals is really the major interest of HSUS, rather than contributions, vegetarianism, or simply destroying the veal industry, the organization will call off this campaign until the results of that research are in. The size of the British veal industry, is only 50 producers, while the U.S. veal industry has hundreds of thousands of American family farmers engaged in livestock production

While livestock producers feel many of the practices being objected to actually contribute to improved conditions for livestock and deny they are treating their animals cruelly, they have been willing to listen and to fund research to obtain scientific measures of these issues.

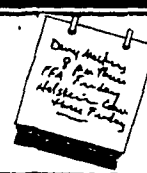
Until the research results are in and studies such as the trial of the British veal system have been completed, they feel it is totally unfair for animal welfarists to attempt to influence consumers with emotional campaigns not supported by scientific evidence. The 1,200 farm families who raise veal calves deserve better than this cruel attack on their livelihood.

When my organization asked animal welfarists to specify their concerns at a recent meeting, they admitted that some of their charges against the veal industry in the past have been false. Livestock Conservation Institute is a livestock industry trade association dedicated to reducing losses from diseases and improper handling of livestock.

Neal Black
President

Livestock Conservation Institute

Farm Calendar



Monday, January 4

Bradford 4-H Leader Dog meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office, Towanda.

Tuesday, January 5

Annual Northeastern Wood Science Society, New York City Sheraton Centre, continues until Thursday.

Estate Planning for Professionals, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Embers, Carlisle.

Lancaster County Tobacco Show, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Farm and Home Center.

Wednesday, January 6

Hunderdon County Board of

Agriculture, 8 p.m., Extension Center, Flemington, N.J.

Farm Income Tax meeting, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Farm and Home Center.

Bradford Spring Maple Committee, 8 p.m., Extension Office, Towanda.

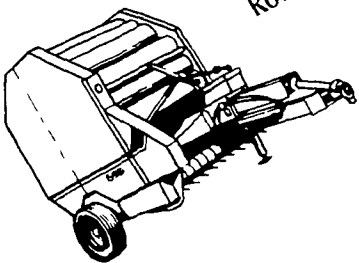
Thursday, January 7

1982 Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, Exhibition Hall, Md. State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md.

Friday, January 8

Pa. Egg Marketing Association, 7 p.m., Sheraton Conestoga. Boyce Overstreet, U.S. Egg Marketers, Inc., to speak.

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