

Hunterdon Co. N.J. plans special ag events

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — There are a number of events on the summer ag schedule that should have wide appeal in Hunterdon County. Two are Hunterdon traditions, a third seems to be destined for that of distinction.

The Farmers' Businessmen's Picnic is an annual affair, sponsored by the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, aimed at building strong relationships between the farmer and the business community.

The first picnic was held on the Charles Cane Farm, Rosemont, in 1936. Most generally held on a farm, occasionally it's moved to a non-farm but somehow farm-related business.

The Rural Ramble has been going on for longer than I can recall. It's been a popular conservation, natural resource development kind of activity, often featuring stops at farms, nurseries, housing developments. Promoter of this event is the Hunterdon County Soil Conservation District with Soil Conservation Service and Cooperative Extension combining efforts with the district supervisors.

This year it will not be a "ramble." All activities will be at one place and will be called "A Conservation Field Day."

Dairy Farm Open House

The third program, again an activity of the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, is the "Dairy Farm Open House," held for the past dozen years on Father's Day. This is the day a dairy farm family opens up the farm lane and barns to the public.

This year host family is that of Charles and Joan Rogers. Daughters, Sandy and Janet, son, Kenny, will join parents in greeting visitors, showing off their excellent dairy herd and their great facilities. Wagon tours of the fields will feature crops and practices used to provide feed for the 55 high-producing cows and some 40 heifers.

The day will be Father's Day, Sunday, June 19. The farm is located about a half mile from routes 202-31, four miles south of Flemington circle. The farm is in Raritan Township on Everitts Rd.

Open House hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. Milking is scheduled to begin about 3:30, but other activities, in addition to the wagon tours, will go

on all afternoon. Artificial insemination demonstrations, a film on how milk is produced, antique engines, a feed display, hand milking, are among the attractions.

Hunterdon's Dairy Princess will serve milk, cheese and crackers.

F-B Picnic at Gordeuk's

The Farmer's-Businessmen's Picnic is set for Tuesday, July 26, at the Matthew Gordeuk dairy

farm near Baptistown. Schedule calls for tours at 5:30 p.m. An excellent picnic supper will be served at 7 p.m. and an entertaining program and speaker will follow.

The Conservation Field Day is to be held on Herman Panacek's Sycamore Lane Farm, Quakertown, on Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All kinds of soil and water conservation practices will be

viewed and demonstrated. Included are diversion and terrace construction, tillage systems, irrigation, woodlot management, deer fencing, nursery production, tree planting, and more.

Reservations are being taken now at the Soil Conservation District office, Extension Center. The fee of \$4 includes lunch.

Call the district's office for details: 201-782-3915.

5,500 tops Limousin sale

COLUMBUS, Oh. — The 5th Annual Spring Limousin Sale was held recently at Cooper Arena on the Ohio State Fairgrounds, Columbus. This is the third year a show has preceded the sale.

The Grand Champion and high selling purebred bull was WLCC High Time, a fullblood son of WRC High Sierra entered by Worrell Land and Cattle Co., Charlottesville, Va. Jim Cummins of Paris, Ky. was the buyer at \$3,200. Jim Cummins also took home the Reserve Champ and second selling bull, RDSL Blizzard, a Galant Guy

son presented by Rendell Shira, Mr. Vernon, Ohio.

The Champion Purebred Female was WLCC Penny Annie, a Gibraltar daughter bred to 747. She was also from Worrell Land and Cattle Co. and purchased by Glenmore Farms, Casswick, Va. for \$5,500. Reserve was FWLY Sarah, a Hanchon's Home Run daughter from Fawley Farms, Lynchburg, Ohio. She sold for \$3,200 to Worrell Land and Cattle Co.

In the percentage division the Champion Bull was MASM

Galactic, a YKCC Lumberjack son consigned by Mac Smith, Crestwood, Ky. and the Champion Female was WMSS 11 ON, a Wintermar Mike 81%bred heifer consigned by Williams and Sons, Coolville, Ohio.



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