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June Dairy Month - get your heart into it

The past year has been one that dairymen won't soon forget. And, what does the future hold?

These are just two of the features to be explored in depth in our Dairy Issue on Saturday, June 2.

Dairy recipes will be featured all month and the first 100 cooks whose favorites are published will receive a special gift.

May 25 is the deadline to reserve ad space and May 29 is the news deadline.

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Scheps Cheese owes \$20 million in debts

BY LAURA ENGLAND

HARRISBURG — With approximately \$20 million owed to farmers and creditors alike, Scheps Cheese Company, which has applied for relicensing by the Pa. Milk Marketing Board, presented its plans for reorganization to the Board in a hearing held in Harrisburg Wednesday.

Currently in bankruptcy court in New Jersey, Scheps Cheese Company is seeking a license renewal so it can implement its plans for reorganization and begin to pay back its creditors. The company owes \$6 million dollars to approximately 250 dairy farmers and \$14 million to another 100 creditors.

Scheps Cheese Company last July closed its plant in Bradford County. The Bradford County plant bought milk from Pennsylvania producers and sold it to Scheps for

its cheese production. Losing money on that plant, Scheps closed it down while still owing money to producers.

Seeking a Chapter 11 bankruptcy code which would allow the company to stay in business, Scheps representatives met with members of the Milk Marketing Board to present their plans for reorganization. Under its plans, Scheps would bring the Bradford plant into full operation and with the profits begin to pay off its debts. Before this can be done, the company must secure a license renewal by PMMB.

In his testimony before the board, Alfred Scheps, co-owner of the company said, "We need that license so we can get back into business and start doing what we said we would."

Independent milk producer Roy Noble, Springville, who formerly

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Phila. demonstrates use of sludge

BY JACK HUBLEY

LITTLE BRITAIN — A break in the week's watery weather permitted farmers to see how waste products other than animal manure can benefit their cropland.

In the extreme southeastern corner of Lancaster County, within sight of the Maryland line, farmers gathered on the farm of James R. Wood in Little Britain township for a demonstration of the application of sewage sludge to agricultural lands.

The event was sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department, a manufacturer of sludge products, with representatives of the company's sludge management unit on hand to answer questions.

Also in attendance were employees of Ad-Soil, the Westchester-based sludge management firm handling the processing of permits, and Mobile Dredging and Pumping Company of Exton, the company contracted to handle transport, application and incorporation of the PWD's sludge products.

About 125 dry tons of sewage sludge are produced daily at the PWD's Northeast and Southwest treatment plants. By using technology developed by USDA scientists, sewage disposal plants are capable of converting sewage sludge to a beneficial compost product. According to PWD officials, the composting of sludge represents an environmentally safe alternative to the practices of ocean disposal and burial.

As outlined in a booklet published by the Water Department, the conversion of sewage sludge to compost is a five-step

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Farmers look on as sewage sludge compost produced by the Philadelphia Water Department, is spread on the southern Lancaster County farm owned by James R. Wood.

Lancaster vegetables may be sent to Fla.

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LEOLA — Some of Lancaster County's produce may be headed for Florida when the new wholesale vegetable market gets started at Good's Auction, Leola, in about three weeks.

"We have someone interested in trucking some of our vegetables to Florida during their hot, dry months of July, August and September," explained David H. Good.

"A load of watermelons will then be brought back for selling at our auction."

Good further explained that there is interest in trucking local vegetables to Florida because of the difference in taste between those grown in Lancaster County's heavier soils and the lighter, sandy soils of the South.

The Lancaster County Wholesale Vegetable Auction will start up

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Hunting a farming book? Try the Stewartstown library

Collection of tractor manuals and other ag texts is unique in Pennsylvania



Librarian Dorothy Davis adds a volume about tractors to the Mason-Dixon's unique farm collection of agricultural materials at Stewartstown.

BY JOYCE BUPP
Staff Correspondent

STEWARTSTOWN — Bring a greasy, smudged, fingerprinted book back to the Mason-Dixon library on Main Street and the librarian won't even get upset.

But that's the case only if the book you borrowed happened to be one of the Stewartstown library's comprehensive and unique collection of detailed tractor repair and maintenance manuals.

"We expect to get these tractor repair manuals back with some grease on them," librarian Dorothy Davis grins philosophically. "That just means they're being used."

The repair publications are "Shop Manuals," put out by I and P Shop Service, a sort of real nuts-and-bolts mechanic's instruction booklets. Stewartstown's assortment more than 100 of these manuals, for a wide variety of tractor makes and models, is just part of a book collection unique to Pennsylvania, and perhaps to the East Coast.

This "farm collection" is the

branchchild of Mrs. Davis, who saw a need for the library to include farm-business materials for the readership in this primarily rural, rich-farmground section of York County.

Through the York County Library System, of which Mason-Dixon is one of several rural branches, she applied about a year ago for a grant for purchasing specifically farm materials.

Grants of federal monies are available through the Library Service and Construction Act, and are handled through the state library system.

When the grant came through, with \$5,000 earmarked toward amassing farm-related publications, Mrs. Davis wasn't quite certain where to begin ordering the types of books that she had in mind.

"There aren't really that many sources which offer truly farm-oriented publications," she notes. "We have had wonderful cooperation from the county agent, and we sent to the national ag

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