

# June - the month of the horse and cow

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — June is declared in New Jersey as the "Month of the Horse." It has been so proclaimed by Governor Thomas Kean in a brief ceremony in his office recently. The intent is to bring to the attention of the public the prominence of the horse in the state. Many activities and events have been scheduled for June to celebrate the state animal...the horse.

Dairy farmers and dairy industry leaders are quick to respond to this. They remind us that "June is Dairy Month"...and that it is a national observance. Locally, they remind us that there are more cows than horses in Hunterdon County, and that the cow is involved in the production of "nature's most nearly perfect food."

The horseman counters with figures and statements that support his or her contention that the horse industry, which continues to grow in the county and state, indeed contributes significantly to the economy and the long-range efforts to retain farmland and open space.

The friendly rivalry goes on with each group promoting its respective segment of our agricultural community.

**Local Events Set**  
The equine industry has scheduled many events, informational, promotional, entertaining, over the state during June. There are several open house locations in the county and nearby area. The doors are open for specified times and dates. They include:

June 3 - Esshiban Equestrian Center, Rt. 206, north of Chester, 1 to 3 p.m., Arabian and half-Arabian horses.

June 17 - Cedar Lake Stud & Training Center, Blairstown, 1 to 3 p.m., Thoroughbreds and American Saddlebreds.

June 17 - Gearhart Chevrolet Stables, Rt. 517, Fairmount, 2 to 4 p.m., American Saddlebreds.

June 24 - Old Dogwood Hill Farm, Milford (west of Mt. Pleasant), Rt. 519, 1 to 4 p.m., mostly Thoroughbreds and Quarterhorses.

Mrs. Peggy Groah, Alexandria Township, a former chairman of the New Jersey Equine Advisory Board, has been coordinating many of the events of June Horse Month. She reports several other interesting activities:

Sire Stakes Harness Racing - Showplace Farms, Millstone, 1:30 p.m. on June 2 and 3.

Polo Match - a benefit for Hunterdon Art Center, Far Hills Polo Club at Bedminster on June

16. Trail Rides - Delaware-Raritan Canal 150 year celebration on June

23. Call Mrs. Groah for details, 609, 292-7017.

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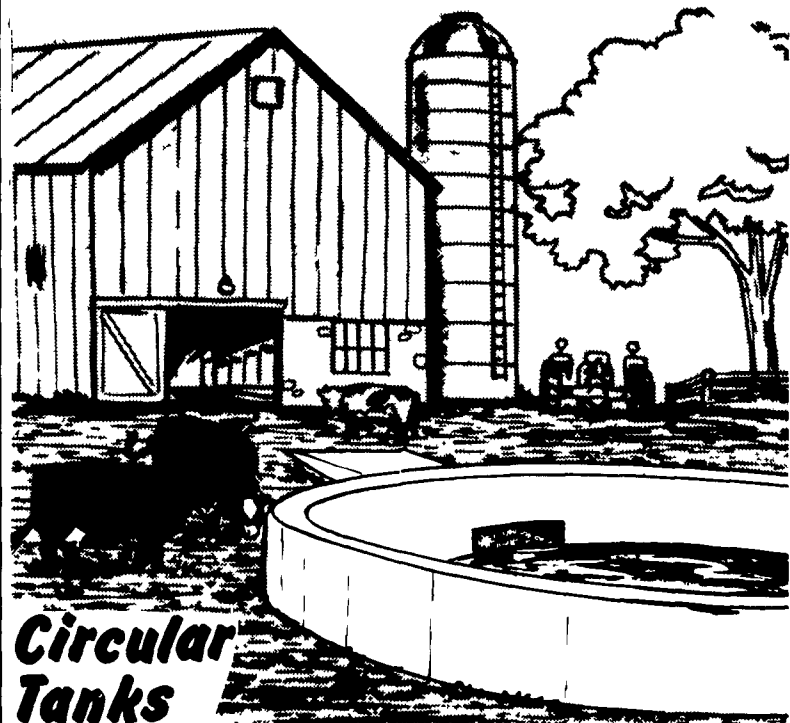


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