

Lancaster Co. plans Farm-City tour this weekend

LANCASTER — Several Lancaster County farms and agricultural businesses will open their doors to the public this weekend to kick-off the county's Farm-City Week celebration.

Farms and businesses on the tour will be open for visitors from 1 to 5 p.m. today and Sunday.

Included on the tour are Stoltzfus Meats in Intercourse, a butcher shop and retail store; Cherry Hill Orchard in New Danville, the orchard's retail store; and Atlantic Breeders Cooperative on McGovernville Road.

Also included on the tour are the Guy Eshleman farm, a potato farm near Mountville; Em-tram, an embryo transfer facility located just outside of Rheems; and the

Lester Hawthorne dairy farm along Bossler Road in Elizabethtown.

Jacob Fisher's goat dairy in

Manheim and John Farrington's horse training and breeding farm in Brickerville just west of the intersection of Routes 501 and 322

will also be open to the public. Brochures containing complete directions to the farms are

available at the Lancaster County Extension office and at each location on the tour.

No-till conference outlined

problems in no-till corn and alfalfa; different no-till systems that work; cover crops for no-till; effects of no-till and other tillage systems on yield and soil (including the problem of compaction); perennial weed control in no-till corn; and starter fertilizers for no-till corn. The afternoon session will follow a "quiz the experts" format that permits farmers to ask questions of program participants.

YORK—The 11th annual Mid-Atlantic No-till Conference will be held Dec. 19 at the York County (Pennsylvania) Fairgrounds. The theme of the six-state conference will be "Solving No-till Crop Production Problems." Doors to the exhibit area in Memorial Hall will open at 8 a.m.

The program will start at 9:30 a.m. in Old Main. It will include sessions on: farmers and the Chesapeake Bay; potential disease

Lunch tickets, sold only in advance, are available at county extension offices in participating states. The conference is being sponsored by the Cooperative Extension services of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and by related

agricultural business farms. The York County Fairgrounds are located on Pennsylvania Rt. 74 just south of the U.S. Route 30 bypass. For further information on the conference, in Delaware call the county extension office in Newark (451-2506), Dover (736-1448) or Georgetown (856-5250).

Counties get credit

CHICAGO — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently announced \$386 million in blended credit programs for Morocco and Egypt to purchase nearly 2.5 million metric tons of U.S. wheat in fiscal 1985.

About 1.6 million metric tons of wheat will be purchased under the \$250 million blended credit package for Morocco. The package consists of \$200 million under the Export Guarantee Program (GSM-102) combined with \$50 million in interest-free government credits under the Export Credit Sales Program (GSM-5).

The \$136 million package for Egypt will be used to purchase about 850,000 metric tons of wheat. The package consists of \$108.8 million under the Export Guarantee Program combined with \$27.2 million in interest-free government credits under the Export Credit Sales Program.

"During the past three years, we have effectively focused the blended credit programs on areas where the European Community subsidies have hampered our ability to sell competitively," Block said. "Both Morocco and Egypt are important markets for U.S. wheat. These new allocations are good examples of how the effective use of credit can make a big difference in exports of U.S. agricultural products."

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