

Turfgrass school scheduled

TOWANDA - The Tenth Annual Northeastern Pennsylvania Turfgrass and Grounds Maintenance School will be held on February 19 and 20 at the Luzerne County Community College, Prospect Street and Middle Road, Nanticoke.

Al Homan, Bradford County Agent, notes that pre-registration is urged, but will open at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Sponsors for the school are the Cooperative Extension Service of the Pennsylvania State University, The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, and the E-2 Chapter of the Pennsylvania Nurserymen's Association.

The purpose of the school is to bring the latest in turfgrass and landscape information to individuals engaged in these disciplines. This would include those working with cemeteries, golf courses, parks, athletic fields, schools and colleges, homegrounds, nurseries, as well as related vocational education and agricultural business personnel.

The two-day program will qualify those attending for pesticide applicator certification or updating in the areas of turfgrass, and shade tree and ornamental classification.

This year's school will emphasize hands-on-training workshops in the areas of insects, weeds, equipment maintenance, and pesticides. Speakers for the school will include - The Pennsylvania State University Extension Service: Dr. Paul R. Heller, Entomologist; Dr. John C. Harper, Turf Specialist; Dr. Robert Nuss, Horticulture Specialist; and Dr. Tom Lanini, Weed Specialist. Other speakers include: Don Dodson, Kalo Agriculture Chemical Company; Tom Heist, Lawn and Golf Equipment; James Baldino, I.C.I. Chemical Company; and William Schiorrappa, B.A.S.F. Chemical Company.

Registration forms are available from the Bradford County Extension Office, 701 S. Fourth Street, Towanda, or phone 265-2896.

F.O.4 milk \$15.18 for March

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced a Class I milk price of \$15.18 per hundredweight for March 1985. This price is down 12 cents from February but is 35 cents above last March's Class I price. The Class I price has dropped 32 cents from January to March 1985.

Mr. Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$12.45 per hundredweight for January 1985 and a butterfat differential of 16.3 cents for the month. The Class II price was down 15 cents from the

previous month, while the butterfat differential dropped four-tenths of a cent.

The March Class I price and the January Class II price are based on the January 1985 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$12.40 per hundredweight at a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for January was \$1.4146 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.9134 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

Dairying stable in Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Dairying is here to stay in Maryland for at least another generation, says Dr. Mark A. Varner, an Extension dairy management specialist and assistant professor of animal sciences at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Historically entrenched in close proximity to an ever-expanding metropolitan population corridor, the Maryland dairy enterprise has established a solid industry support base and enjoys a consumer market which takes most of its fresh product at relatively high Class I prices established by the federal administrator for the Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Order 4 area.

More than 50 percent of Maryland's dairy cattle are registered purebreds. This is the highest percentage for any state in the continental United States. And,

despite urban encroachment, the concentration of dairy cows per acre in Maryland is seventh highest among all 50 states.

There's still a lot of interest in dairy farming among Maryland's rural youngsters, Varner observed. Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging teams have compiled a record of national championships over the past half-century which far surpasses any other state.

This success is due, in part, to enthusiasm among young people and the dedication of adult volunteer 4-H leaders working with team coaches from the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service.

Contrary to the trend prevailing in some other segments of American agriculture, Varner is fairly optimistic about the future of

medium-size, family-owned dairy farms, particularly where debt-asset ratios have been kept in reasonable check. It's his personal observation that the debt load for dairy farmers generally is more burdensome in the Midwest than in Maryland.

This philosophy gives credence to Profitable and Efficient Production (PEP), the ongoing educational program of the University of Maryland's Cooperative Extension Service. It places PEP in perspective not as an attempt to save a dying industry, but an honest effort to help dairy farming continue as a viable part of the state's agricultural economy.

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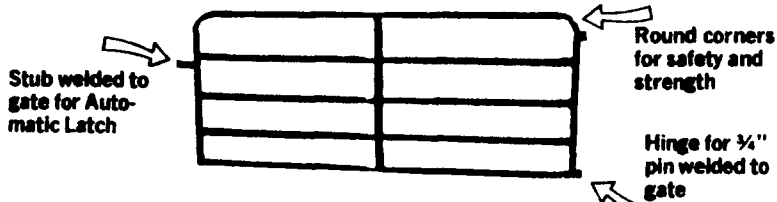
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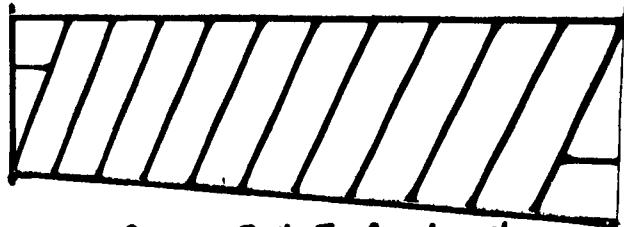
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