

Grain drying meeting scheduled in Lancaster

LANCASTER — Area farmers will have a chance to learn ways to increase their profits in corn production when grain experts gather in Lancaster on March 7.

The Grain Drying Conference, sponsored by Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. and the Pennsylvania Cooperative Extension Service, Southeast Region, will be held

from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, near the intersection of routes 30 and 72.

The main speaker will be Bruce McKenzie, professor of Agricultural Engineering at Purdue University, who will speak on energy-efficient drying of shelled corn and proper

management of corn in storage. McKenzie has advised farmers across the country on grain drying and feed systems layout for more than 30 years.

Jon Carson, assistant professor of Agricultural Engineering at The Pennsylvania State University, will address the group on drying conditions in Pennsylvania, and he'll talk about safety.

Farmers interested in new markets for high-quality corn will benefit from a panel of local corn buyers who will describe their quality requirements. Panel members include representatives of a pet food company, a corn chip maker and a grain merchant.

The conference costs \$5, which includes lunch. Registration for the conference should be made by Feb. 28. Forms can be obtained from county Cooperative Extension Service offices in southeastern Pennsylvania.

Hayes to speak on ridge tillage

CREAMERY — Bill Hayes, longtime agronomist with the Soil Conservation Service Mid-West Region will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26, at the 4H Center in Creamery. Mr. Hayes is a nationally recognized expert on ridge tillage farming and is the author of "Minimum Tillage Farming" and "No-Tillage Farming".

Mr. Hayes will appear at a course being offered by the Cooperative Extension Service and

the Montgomery Conservation District. The course will be opened to all farmers and individuals interested in hearing Mr. Hayes for that evening only.

"Montgomery County farmers have widely adopted No-Till Farming" according to Bill Steuteville, Course instructor. However, ridge farming, which is especially good for heavy wet soils such as are found in the county, is still untried here.

For further information, call the Conservation District at 489-4506.

Dauphin Co. to hold Ag Center benefit auction

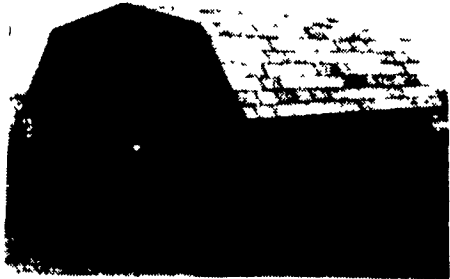
HARRISBURG — Commitments for consigned or donated items are now being accepted for Dauphin County's second annual Ag Center Consignment Auction scheduled for April 5, at the Gratz Fairgrounds. Farm equipment, tools, lumber, household goods, lawn and garden implements, antiques and other collectibles will be accepted.

The auction is held for the benefit of the future Dauphin County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center. The Center will be located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Routes 325

and 225 in Middle Paxton Township. The Center will be available for public meetings and provide offices for the Dauphin County Conservation District, Dauphin County Cooperative Extension Service, and the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

If you have items to donate or consign contact: Ron Kopp, Middletown, 994-5028; James Leshner, Gratz, 365-3419; Merv Adams, Millersburg, 692-3076; or the Dauphin County Conservation District, 558-1090.

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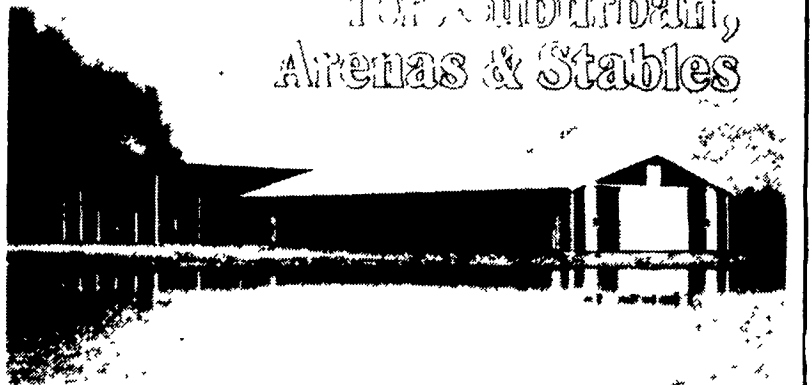
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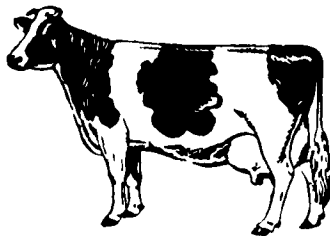


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