

County Spun Sheep Festival Set For Oct. 11

LOGANVILLE — Country Spun Sheep Farm will host visitors for a day of live country music, good

food, country crafts and a full palette of "sheepish" activities at their Loganville location Oct. 11.

World champion sheep shearer Dave Green will shear Pennsylvania's hardest working sheep. All the farm's wool is spun into Country Spun 100 percent wool yarns.

This fall the farm's first line of classic women's sweaters and vests will make their debut. Both yarn and sweaters will be sold in the farm retail shop along with sheepskins, shearling slippers, novelties for children and much more.

Spinning, weaving, felting and machine knitting will be demonstrated by local fiber artists who will offer their work for sale. A hearty lunch will be available at the farm's country cafe and patrons will be serenaded by well known country music artists Don and Pam Geiselman.

A sheepdog demonstration will

be provided in the afternoon. The festival will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Raindate is Oct. 12 from noon to 5 p.m.

Admission to the Country Sheep Festival is free, but there will be a \$1 per car parking fee.

While in the area, visitors may want to stop by Brown's Farm Market, just a half mile south of Country Spun farm on the Old Trail.

To celebrate fall at their new farm market and orchard bake shop, the Brown's will offer visitors wagon rides in the orchard, a chance to bob for apples and the opportunity to take the kids' pictures with pumpkin people.

Conversations with a resident clown, samplings of fresh cider and treats from the bake shop will round out a day in the Pennsylvania countryside.

Lebanon Manure Management Day Set For Oct. 16

LEBANON — Hoover Farms will be the site of the Lebanon County Extension Service's Manure Management Field Day on Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants will view a corn plot where manure nutrient management research is underway. There will be demonstrations of manure spreader and spreader truck calibration, and the county's free manure spreading

service will be outlined.

Other events include a tour of the Hoover's dairy and beef manure storage system and a demonstration of the Mobile Nutrient Lab.

The field day, including lunch, is free. Registration is required by Oct. 10.

Hoover Farms is located at the intersection of Routes 322 and 934.

USDA Approves Disaster Loans

LANCASTER — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved low-interest Economic Emergency loans for farmers in southeastern Pennsylvania who suffered losses from high winds and hail on Aug. 10, according to a spokesman from Congressman Robert Walker's office.

Farmers whose cropland sustained losses of 30 percent or greater may borrow amounts up to \$100,000 at 5 percent. The loan rate for amounts higher than this is 8 percent. However, only farmers who are unable to obtain credit elsewhere are eligible for the

loans, said Patrick Freeman of the Farmers Home Administration, the agency handling loan applications.

Under the program, farmers in Lancaster and all contiguous counties are eligible, said Freeman.

According to a damage assessment report, Lancaster County sustained \$3.8 million in damages stemming from the Aug. 10 storms. Crops destroyed included corn, tobacco, soybeans and hay. Ten farm homes and 25 buildings were also damaged.

Farmers seeking loans should apply at their county FmHA office.

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