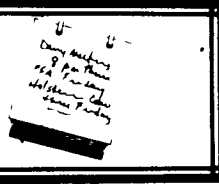


Farm Calendar



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Delaware Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del.

Pa. Farm Builders Conference, Kittanning Township Firehall, Kittanning; continues through Jan. 28.

Franklin County Corn Clinic, Kauffman's Community Center, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NJ Agricultural Convention. Call 609-292-5648.

Lancaster County Cattle Feeders Day, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28
York County Corn Clinic, 4-H Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association Annual Meeting, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del., 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 29
Delaware Vegetable and Potato Growers Association meeting, Sheraton Inn, Dover, Del.

Fourth Annual Cooperative Director's School, Pa. Association of Farmer Cooperatives, Penn State University.

Cumberland County Corn Clinic, Penn Township Firehall, Huntsdale.

In-Depth Nutrition Series, York 4-H Center.

Small Fruit Growers Meeting, Hershey Convention Center.

Corn and Soybean yield checks, Kennard-Dale High School, 8 p.m.

Friday, January 30
Pesticide Association of New

Jersey annual meeting, Columbus Grange. Call Jerry Frecon, 609-381-1200.

Saturday, January 31
York County 4-H Beef Banquet, Porter's Firehall, 7 p.m.

Cumberland County Holstein Breeders annual meeting, South Middleton Firehall, Boiling Springs.

Witmer Fire Co. Turkey Supper, noon, Witmer.

Garden State Dairy Goat Association Meeting, Polish-American Hall, Whitehouse Station. Call 201-996-6682.

NJ Beekeepers Association, Trenton State College. Call Jack Matthenius, 609-984-2265.

Monday, February 2
Pa. Nurserymen and Allied Industries Conference, Penn State University, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Delmarva Dairy Meeting, Hartley Firehall, Hartley.

Montgomery County Extension Annual Meeting, Montgomery 4-H Center, Creamery, 7 p.m. For tickets call the extension office at 215-489-4315.

Tuesday, February 3
Swine Producers Meeting, Valley Bank, Shippensburg.

Cumberland County Extension Annual Meeting, South Middleton Firehall, Boiling Springs.

Dairy Day, Westminster, Md., 9 a.m.

Ephrata Area Young Farmers officers and banquet committee meeting, Ephrata Jr. High School Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4
Delmarva Corn and Soybean Technology Conference, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.

Pa. Young Farmer Association Winter Conference, Gettysburg.

Farm Financial Management (Making Smart Decisions Seminar), session 1, Franklin County 4-H Center, Chambersburg, 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Schuylkill County Win er Vegetable Meeting, Dusselink Motor Inn, Pottsville, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 5
In-Depth Dairy Nutrition Series, York County 4-H Center.

Maryland Agricultural Dinner, Martin's West, Baltimore.

Friday, February 6
Lancaster County Pork Producer's Banquet, Blue Ball Firehall, 6:30 p.m.

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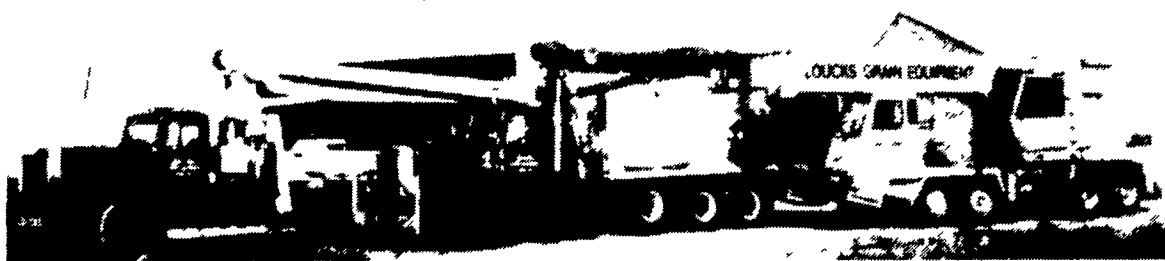
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method of production down to a horse and plough to make his small farm profitable; he can make a better living with a tractor—but a simple affordable tractor rather than several large high technology tractors.

While Butz extols the virtues of large farms, it is important to realize that there are many advantages to encouraging small farms. Among the many advantages, the most important is probably the fact that it creates jobs—it promotes employment in an area of production in which it is actually preferable for many to be employed. Anyone who is pushed out of farming has a good chance of ending up in a much less desirable field, most likely working for someone else—no longer enjoying the satisfaction of being self-employed. Small farms better stimulate the local economy while often producing a more high quality product like locally grown vegetables. Small farms are also more able to practice environmentally sound farming practices which protect the community around them from various forms of chemical poisoning. If the research monies which are being invested in promoting large farms were directed toward investigating the most ideal techniques for small farmers, then small farmers could hone their operations into peak performance efficiency and there would be no reason for so many financial failures among small farmers.

The point is that the agricultural community must now ask itself, is this just a business, or is farming also a way of life? Is Butz correct when he puts down politicians for their "emotionalism" when they want to enact measures to "save the family farm"? Or should we reevaluate the direction in which the agricultural community should go?

Sincerely,
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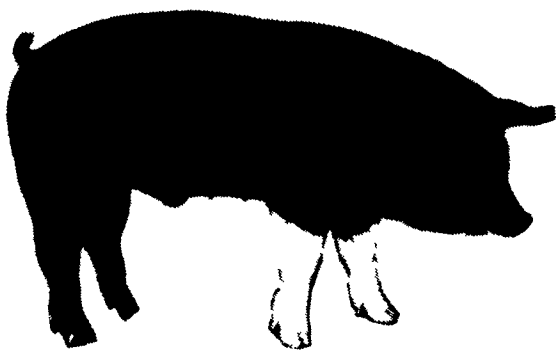
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