

# RCMA Letter

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chairman, visited the Lancaster Farming office Wednesday to layout the newest effort in the ongoing RCMA effort. Ninety-five percent of all northeast dairymen must join the program so RCMA can ask the market for more than the minimum price set by the government for Class I milk. This additional price will be asked when favorable market conditions allow such a move. But everyone must be involved so some independent handlers are not put to a disadvantage. It's obvious that if one handler must pay more for milk than the competition, the higher paying handling will be at a disadvantage, and the program will not work. The only way farmers can get the extra money for the milk that the market conditions allow is by having everyone involved. Join together and ask every handler for the same extra price. That's the purpose of RCMA.

The government sets the minimum price farmers get for their milk. To get more than this minimum price when market conditions allow a better price, farmers can go to RCMA. They can do this as individuals or through their milk cooperative, who will do it for members. When these market conditions allow it, RCMA goes to the bottlers for an extra

price over the government-established minimum. The bottlers may go to the retail market.

In this proposed program, the consumer often pays only a cent or two more for milk in the store. But the extra money can benefit the bottler to a small degree and make a great difference to the dairy farmer's survival.

Along with Ely and Ranck, Donald Duncan, the regional state chairman, has also signed the local letter. And a separate personal note from Ranck's Verdant View Farm is enclosed to urge recipients of the mailing to sign the agreement and send it back today. "You'll help keep dairying strong here in the northeast where we have the largest market for Class I milk in the nation," Ranck says. "Remember, only signers will benefit from RCMA."

According to Ely, the bottom line was best described by Tom Jurchak, Lackawanna County Extension director, in Milk Market News. "Producers have the opportunity to build an organizational vehicle that can negotiate for prices above the minimums set by the support price on butter, powder and cheese that purculate down through the federal orders to the milk checks going to each producer. The success of the over-order milk pricing efforts in 11 northeastern states are within spitting distance of success. That depends on 2500 Pennsylvania producers signing contracts to participate in the program. The time has come when every producer who wants higher

prices from the market and not the government will take the initiative to recruit nonmembers wherever they are. Those who want to participate can no longer afford the time for someone to come and ask them to join then come back and pick up the contract. They will have to take action now on their own to become part of the effort. Or in the future live with the realization that they were part of the minority that prevented the establishment of over-order pricing in eastern markets. It also a responsibility of every producer who has already joined the effort either through a cooperative or independently to help in recruiting producers who are resisting these efforts for higher prices by not participating. The opportunity and the need are here. Let's make the most of it," Jurchak says.

Three new persons have been named to the Pennsylvania RCMA steering committee to make it easier for local dairymen to get information. These new committee members are Kenneth Mummert, 6353 Rowe Run Road, Chambersburg, PA 17201, 717-263-1507; Horace Tang, R1, Cochranville, PA 19330, 717-529-2396. Those reported previously are Carl Brown, PFA, R.D. 3, Box 288, Pine Grove, PA 17963, 717-739-4187; Donald B. Duncan, Grange, R.D. 1, Box 362, Robesonia, PA 19551, 215-693-5213; Karl Kroeck, PFA, R.D. 1, Box 990, Knowville, PA 16928, 814-326-4308; Robert Pardoe, Grange, R.D. 1, Milton, PA 17847, 717-524-7625; Arden Tewksbury, PFU, R.D. 2, Box 165, Meshoppen,

# Farm Calendar

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Smart Farm Decisions Workshop, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Monday, February 16

Atlantic Breeders Annual Meeting, Penn Township Firehall, Huntsdale, 7:30 p.m.  
SE Regional Soybean meeting, Meyers Restaurant, Route 309, Quakertown, 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 17

Penn-Jersey Tillage Conference, Stabler Arena, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.  
Northeastern Pa. Turfgrass and Grounds Maintenance School, Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke.  
Farm Management Series, Cumberland Extension Center, Carlisle, 12:30 p.m.  
Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 8:30 a.m. to 3

PA 18630, 717-833-5776; Harold Wolfe, PFU, R.D. 2, Box 157, Centre Hall, PA 16828, 814-364-1349. The state coordinators are Ely and Arthur Little, 831 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13203.

p.m.  
Atlantic Breeders Co-op, Southern, Quarryville Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

Cecil County Dairy/Livestock Day, Calvert Grange Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18  
York/Lancaster Tree Fruit Meeting, Rutter's Restaurant, York.

ADADC Annual Meeting at the Sheraton on 7th North Street, Syracuse, N.Y. Continues tomorrow.

SW Min-Till Meeting, Mt. View Inn, Greensburg.  
Bradford County Milker School, Extension Office, Towanda, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 19  
Draft Horse and Mule Sale, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.

Atlantic Dairy Day, Seven Valleys Firehall, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

York County Beekeepers, Pleasant Acres Meeting Room, 7 p.m.

Keystone Pork Congress, Penn Harris Motor Lodge, Camp Hill.

Atlantic Dairy Co-op, noon, Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

Atlantic Breeders Co-op, Blue Ball Firehall, 7 p.m.

Cecil County Agronomy Day, Calvert Grange Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NW Regional Tillage Day, Days Inn, Meadville, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Smart Farm Decisions Workshop, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Friday, February 20

Pa. Cattlemen's Annual Conference, Allenberry Resort, Boiling Spring; continues through Feb. 22.

Franklin County Horticultural Society Annual Meeting, Lighthouse Restaurant, Chambersburg.

Area Commercial Tree Fruit Meeting, Ramada Inn, York, 9 a.m.

Maryland Holstein Convention, Westminster; continues through Feb. 21.

Saturday, February 21

York County 4-H Alumni Night, 4-H Center, 7:30 p.m.

Cumberland Valley Cooperative Annual Meeting, Shippensburg Senior High School; luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Business meeting, 1 p.m.

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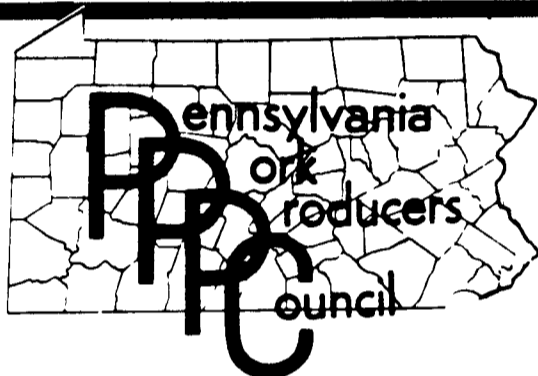


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### PRODUCER'S PROGRAM

Thursday, February 19  
Main Ballroom

- 8:00 a.m. Registration - Doors open to Trade Show
- Morning Session:**  
Chairman - Kenneth Kephart
- 9:50 a.m. Hog Market Outlook  
H. Louis Moore
- 10:45 a.m. Management to Obtain Future Profits  
Art Leman
- 11:30 a.m. NPPC Programs, National Pork Council Representative
- Afternoon Session:**  
Chairman - Clyde Myers
- 1:30 p.m. A Practical and Painless Record-Keeping Approach  
Michael Miller
- 2:00 p.m. Is Dust a Hazard in Hog Houses?  
Daniel Meyer
- 2:30 p.m. Will a Producer-Owned Packing Plant Work?  
Eric Wowra
- 3:30 p.m. Ask the Specialist  
Kenneth Kephart  
Daniel Meyer  
Michael Miller

### PORK COUNCIL WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Thursday, February 19  
Keystone E Room

- Morning Session:**  
Mollie Geise, Presiding
- 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Flower Demonstration  
Ray Grumbine
- Afternoon Session:**  
12:30 p.m. Jr. Public Speaking Contest
- 2:30 p.m. Will a Producer-Owned Packing Plant Work?  
Eric Wowra

### KEYSTONE PORK BOWL

Thursday, February 19  
Keystone D Room

- Kenneth Winebark, Presiding
- 9:30 a.m. Preliminary Eliminations
- 2:00 p.m. Final Eliminations

Coffee and Doughnuts sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.

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## FEBRUARY 19, 1987

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