

Farm Calendar

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tion, Willow Valley Resort, Lancaster; through Feb. 25.
Northwest District DHIA, Venango Co. 4-H Center, District Directors Meeting.
York-Lancaster Tree Fruit Meeting, Quality Inn, York Valley, Tom Becker, 757-9657.
Tri-County Crops Mtg., Flemington Extension Center, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 24
Garden Spot Dairy Day, Martinsdale, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Forage and Soils Mtg., Bonanza Restaurant, Gettysburg, 10:00 a.m.
Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Northampton, Richmond Methodist Church, 7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 25
Estate & Financial Planning, Flemington Extension Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call 201/788-1339.
Grain & Forage Producers Conference & Trade Show, National Guard Armory, Trenton, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Crops and Soils Day, Cumberland

Co., LeMasters Comm. Center, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lemasters.
Cumberland Co. Dairy Day Clinic, Penn Township Firehall, Hunsdale, 9:30 a.m.
"How To Improve Reproduction" Dairy Mtg., Rothsville Firehall, Rothsville, meal included, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Mercer Co. Corn Day, Mercer Co. Vo-Tech School, 10:00 a.m.
Estate Planning, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
American Soybean Assoc. Membership Marketing, Kennard-Dale High School, 8:00 p.m. Ralph Travis, 382-4871.
N.W. Jersey Vegetable Mtg., Moravian Grange, Hope. Call 475-8000.
Tri-County Beef Mtg., Flemington Extension Center.
Friday, February 26
PA Farm Builders Conference, Berks Co. Ag. Center.
Leisure Horse Management, Cecil County Extension.
1988 PA Beef Cattle Conference, Penn State Univ., Keller Conference Center; through Feb.

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Sunday, February 28
International Dwarf Tree Meetings, Hershey Convention Center; through March 2.

New Jersey Flower & Garden Show, Morristown Armory; through March 6.

Monday, February 29
PA Game Bird Conference, PSU Short Course, 9:00 a.m.; through March 1. Call 814/865-8301.

Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Berks-Lehigh, Virginville Grange, noon.

Brubaker Agronomic Banquet, Willow Valley, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.

Cumberland Cooperative Sheep & Wool Growers Annual Mtg. and Banquet, South Middleton Firehall, Boiling Springs, 7:00 p.m.

Bucks Cooperative Extension Annual Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Plumsteadville Firehall, Stump Rd. Reservations due by Feb. 16.

Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Lancaster I, White Horse Fire Hall, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1
Third Annual PA Corn Conference, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle, 8:30 a.m.

Garden Center School, Quality Inn, Centerville, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; through March 2.

FARM FORUM OUR READERS WRITE

Editor:

I speak to you as one dairy farmer to another. You have seen the headlines.

"Price Support Level Cut by 50 cents per Hundredweight"

"Gramm Rudman Costs Dairy Farmers Additional Assessment"

"Milk Production is on the Increase"

"Major Implement Manufacturer Raises Prices on New Equipment"

"Government Wants to Stop Subsidizing Farm Programs"

"Fertilizer Prices up in 1988"

Where do all these headlines leave us dairy farmers? In dire straits, that's where! We, as a dairy industry, are not united.

I, Charles E. Wismer, Jr., have always shipped milk to a local dairy and for many years was an

independent shipper. I still think like an independent, but times are changing. Many independent markets are no longer around, and the government is changing gears on us. The government says let the milk price float at the world market price at around \$8.00 per hundredweight. California dairymen say they are willing to produce milk at \$9.00 per hundredweight. What they are really saying is they can run the PA dairy farmer, and then take over the market.

What is the answer to all of this? - RCMA, over-order pricing. It does not raise the consumer price and maintains the farmers' price. It is not a government program so it does not create high paying jobs. It is run by both independents and

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Lancaster County Dairy Day, Farm & Home Center, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Schuylkill, Red Lion Cafe, Pine Grove, noon.

Bedford County Holstein Annual Mtg., Northern Bedford High

School, 7:00 p.m.

Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Lancaster II, Ronks Fire Hall, 7:15 p.m.

Tri-County Sheep & Swine Mtg., Extension Center, Flemington, 8:00 p.m.

Maryland State Holstein Board of Directors Mtg., Timonium.

Wednesday, March 2
Lancaster/York Vegetable Growers, Farm & Home Center, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Bucks, Kellers Church, noon.

Swine Management School, North Carroll High School, Hampstead, MD, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Hunterdon County Board of Ag., Extension Center, Flemington, 8:00 p.m.

Potato Institute, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle; John Rauchl, 757-9657.

PA Corn Conference, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle.

Thursday, March 3
Lancaster County Poultry Progress Days, Farm & Home Center, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sire Power Annual Mtg.—Lebanon-Berks, Tulpehocken UCC, Millardsville, 7:15 p.m.

Dairy Goat mtg., Fry's Nursery, Ephrata, 7:30 p.m.

Insecticide Applicators (YF), Enfield Equipment, Ralph Travis, 717/382-4871.

Vegetable Producers Mtg., Memorial Lutheran Church.

PA DHIA District Directors Mtg., Southeast District, Berks County Agricultural Center.

National Pork Industry Forum, Nashville, TN; through March 5.

Central Jersey Nurserymen's Mtg., for information, call 201/431-7261.

N.W. Jersey Fruit Mtg., Watching View Inn, Penckemin, 475-8000.

Friday, March 4
Farmers District Marketing Conference, Grange Hall, Columbus, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chester County Extension Annual Mtg., Lionville Jr. High School, 7:00 p.m.

Dover Area Young Farmers Banquet, Dover High School, Nick Stollar, 292-3671.

PA DHIA District Directors Mtg., Northeast District, Towanda Milk Club.

Elizabethtown Young Farmers Banquet, Country Table Restaurant.

Saturday, March 5
Hunterdon County 1988 Extension Bake-Off; for information, call 201/788-1340.

New York Flower Show, Pier 90, Manhattan.



A tip of the hat to this year's winners.

At Pioneer, we salute the National Champions, and all the other winners in this year's NCGA Corn Grower's Contest

Thanks to their hard work and management, Pioneer brand hybrids earned 3 first place national yield titles

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So hats off to all those listed here, and a warm thanks to all the growers who plant Pioneer products. To us, you're all winners.

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189.0, Pioneer 3352

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Frank White, Muncy
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New Jersey
Kevin White, Cranbury
149.9, Pioneer 3192
Jettwell Farms, Inc., Plainsboro
148.3, Pioneer 3295



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