

Farm Calendar



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grounds, Newport, 9 a.m.
 Lehigh County 4-H Market Hog Rundup, Quakertown Livestock Mkt., 9 a.m. Showing and fitting, 4 p.m. sale.
 Right-of-Way Pesticide Training, Lancaster Farm & Home Center.

Thursday, August 25
 Eastern Championship Show, 9:30 a.m. Kutztown Fairgrounds.
 Franklin Co. Holstein Show, 5:30 p.m., Chambersburg.
 Lebanon Co. Holstein Sale, 7 p.m. Lebanon Fairgrounds.

Lancaster County Holstein Field Day, Tom Lapp, 7 p.m., Gap.
 Lancaster County Potato meeting, Paul Mast Farm, Morgantown, 9:30 a.m.

Lancaster Poultry meeting, Farm & Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, August 26
 Virginia Ag-Expo, Ritchie Farm Bealton, VA.
 Southeast District 4-H Dairy Show, Kutztown Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.
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Show, Kutztown Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.
 Centre Co. Grange Fair, Centre Hall, through September 1.

Saturday, August 27
 Lancaster Co. 4-H Achievement Night, Farm & Home Ctr., 6:30 p.m. (All awards presented.)

Monday, August 29
 South Central District Dairy Show, 9 a.m. Farm Show complex, Harrisburg.

Indiana County Fair, Indiana, through September 3.
 West End Fair, Gilbert, through September 3.

Wattsburg Fair, Wattsburg, September 4.

Tuesday, August 30
 Md. State Fair, Holstein 4-H FFA Show, Timonium

Centre County Holstein Show, Centre Hall Fairgrounds, 9:30 a.m.

Allentown Fair, Runs through September 5.

Jamestown Community Fair, Jamestown, through September 3.

Big Knob Grange Fair, Rochester,

through September 5.
 Allentown Fair, Allentown
 Greene-Dreber Sterling Fair, Newfoundland, through September 5.

Wednesday, August 31
 Somerset County "Touch of Class" sale, 7 p.m., Meyersdale.
 Great Stoneboro Fair, Stoneboro, through September 5.

Sullivan County Fair, Forksville, through September 5.
 Bradford County Dairy Day, Troy Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.

Thursday, September 1
 Cumberland Co. Holstein Sale, 7:30 p.m., Shippensburg Fairgrounds

South Mountain Fair, Arendtsville, through September 5.

Friday, September 2
 Central District Dairy Show, Beaver Springs Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

Wyoming County Fair, Tunkhannock

Saturday, September 3
 Maryland Holstein uturity, Timonium, 8 a.m.

Southwest District Dairy Show, Bedford Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

Mon Valley District Dairy Show, Fayette County Fairgrounds, 9:30 a.m.

Northwest District Dairy Show, Crawford County Fairgrounds,

9:15 a.m.
 Juniata County Fairgrounds, Port Royal, through September 10.
 Sunday, September 4

Cambria County Fair, Ebensburg, through September 10.
 Spartansburg Community Fair, Spartansburg, through September 10.

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hours with nothing to show for it. In June of 1987 there were 14,845 producers sending milk to plants in Federal Order 2. Last month, one year later, there are 13,954. I have to applaud the 959 dairy farmers who were smart enough to say they had enough. They are the ones that know deep down in their hearts that it really won't get better next year.

I don't want to give readers the wrong impression, but sometimes a few tears and a few biting remarks will stir up enough trouble to bring about some good-- the old adage "the squeaky wheel gets the oil" comes into play.

Let's not sit back on our haunches and take it on the chin when the 1985 Farm Bill expires. Every farmer in America knows that lower prices in the food industry are popular with the voters and the urban congressman & senators

will do everything in their power to ensure that corporate farms survive and the family farm makes just enough to force himself to say it'll be better next year, thus keeping him in the business and creating a popular response from the voters.

The average American spends 33 cents out of every dollar to pay taxes but will only spend 16 cents to eat.

Why? Because the government is run on the tax money and they vote on their salary. We don't vote on ours, we rely on co-ops and ag leaders to convey our story.

What's my beef? The same people are advising congressmen and senators about the ag community today that were doing it 20 years ago. They were wrong 20 years ago and once again they are wrong today. We need better voices speaking for the farmer. The dairy industry determines what the rest of the farming industry's fate is. If the dairy industry flourishes, the beef and grain farmer's business flourishes, if they do better, the agriculture equipment dealer does better, etc. So why are we accepting pre-1970 wages? Why are we not calling our Congressman? Why aren't we squeaking? The time is now for \$15 milk. The time is now for production quotas if necessary. The time is now to stop the rapid decline in family farms. The time is now to write or call your congressman. The time is now to get rid of the people that are promoting \$12 milk during a drought when we should have been receiving \$15 in the first place.

It takes each and every farmer's commitment to realize the objective of a fair price for our product. Let's not be the slaves any longer.

Let's take some action, look around, talk to your neighbor. Who knows, maybe next year we all will be able to buy the tractor we needed 10 years ago!

Scott Tyler
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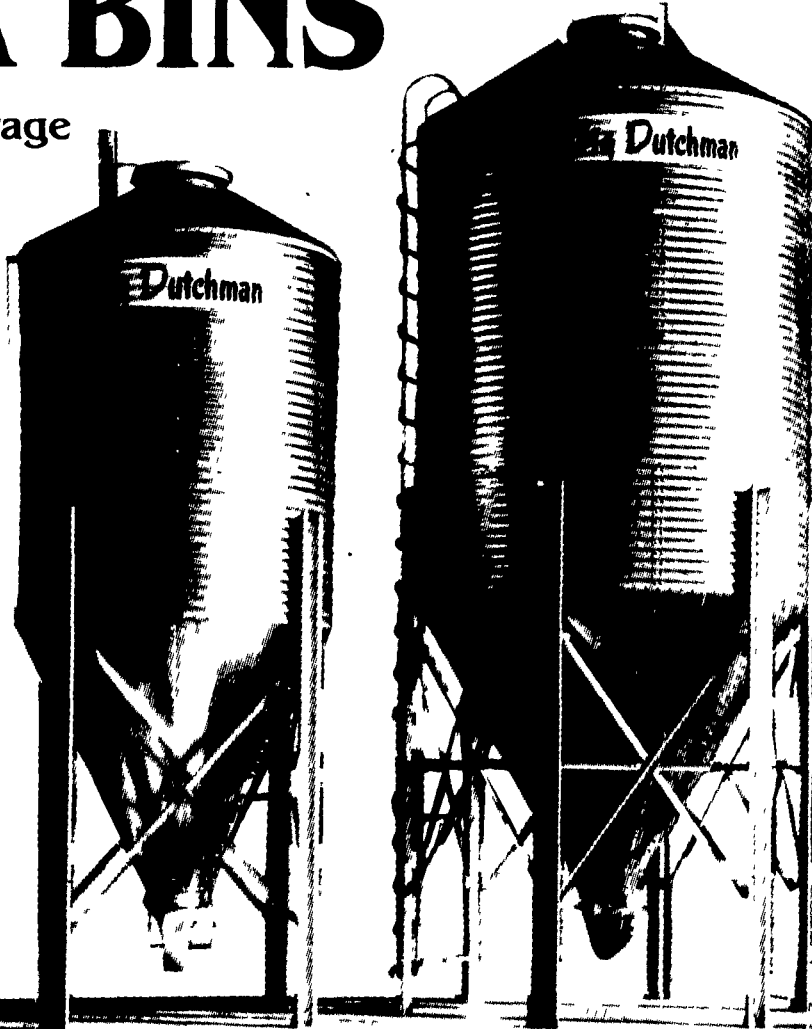
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