

Bison Seminar Scheduled

TUNKHANNOCK (Wyoming) - Thanks to our foresighted ancestors, modern day buffalo raisers, the American Bison Association and the National Buffalo Association, the bison (buffalo) is once again flourishing. They can be seen in nearly every state in the union, several foreign countries including Canada where large public and private herds abound once again. Bison (buffalo) meat is enjoyed by many consumers.

In May of 1988, the ABA sponsored the first Northeast bison management seminar in New Castle that was attended by bison ranchers and interested parties from New York, Ohio and Virginia. The Second Annual Northeast Bison Seminar will be held April 8th, in Tunkhannock, Pa. Invitations are being sent out to people interested in bison, in the Northeastern United States. Anyone interested may contact Margery Kutney, at 717/965-2237 or Doyle Thomas of Penn State Cooperative Extension at 717/278-1158.

Yeutter Wins Unanimous Approval

The Senate Agriculture Committee unanimously recommended Senate confirmation of Clayton Yeutter as secretary of agriculture on February 7. The full Senate was scheduled to vote on the confirmation late last week. At his hearing, Yeutter outlined priorities and positions for U.S. agriculture. Included were: 1) The outcome of GATT Uruguay Round must be known before we construct farm legislation; 2) U.S. agriculture is far too dependent on taxpayers; all safety nets must be evaluated and there are no sacred cows; 3) Broad-based economic factors affecting price competitiveness will impact farm income more than other factors; 4) USDA is too involved in the marketing side of farm business and should permit the marketplace to function more; 5) Successful completion of GATT talks and opening of foreign markets are high priorities; 6) Export subsidies provide leverage in seeking farm trade reform; 7) There are ample ways to help producers without violating world trade rules; 8) Rural development, including diversification of the economic base, will occupy a large portion of his time; 9) He sees nothing suggesting Commodity Futures Trading Commission functions should be transferred to the Securities and Exchange Commission; 10) The meat-hormone issue will not be resolved by finding a way to certify meat as hormone free.

Dairy Sheep Symposium Set

The North American Dairy Sheep Symposium, July 25-28 at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus, will provide information on dairy sheep milking and the manufacture of products from sheep milk. Specialists from Europe and North America will speak

on genetics, nutrition, management, milking techniques and equipment, manufacturing high quality sheep milk products, economics, marketing, health management and review dairy sheep enterprises abroad.

Pesticide Certification Exams Set For Luzerne County

WILKES-BARRE — Pesticide Certification Examinations will be given at the Penn State Cooperative Extension Luzerne County Office, Courthouse Annex, 5 Water Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Tuesday, March 21, between 8:00 and 10:00 am.

The exam is open to anyone wishing to become certified as private, commercial, or public applicators.

Private applicators are those who are farming and applying pesticides to their crops. Commercial applicators are those who are applying pesticides to property of other people. Public applicators are those who are applying pesticides for research purposes.

The exam is a pass-fail, open book exam. Private exams are free. Others have a charge so come with a check.

For more information call the Penn State Cooperative Extension Luzerne County Office at 825-1701 Hazleton area call 459-0736, Ext. 701. Or the Department of Agriculture at 826-2040 or 836-2181.

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