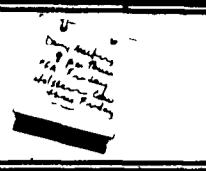


Farm Calendar



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Monday, December 4
Lancaster County DHIA awards banquet, Good & Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 5
Berks County DHIA awards banquet, Kutztown Grange, Kutztown, 7:15 p.m.

Insects, Diseases & Weeds of Trees & Shrubs meeting, Penn State Great Valley, Malvern; runs through December 7.

Wednesday, December 6
Newspaper bedding meeting, Titus Stoner farm, Landisville,

10:00a.m. and John L. Landis farm, Lancaster, 1:00 p.m.; call the Lancaster County Extension office at 717/394-6851 for directions.

Candlelight tours, Hibernia Mansion, Hibernia Park, Coatesville, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Westmoreland County Extension annual meeting, Sheraton Inn, Greensburg, 6:00 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner.

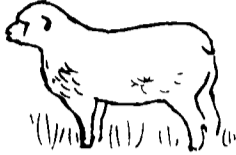
Thursday, December 7
Mercer County dairy tour, departs Mercer County Extension

office 7:30 a.m. returns December 8 at 4:30 p.m.
Western Regional Commercial Vegetable Growers Seminar, Days Inn, Butler, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Adams County DHIA awards banquet, Harney Fire Hall, Harney, Md., 7:00 p.m.

Keystone Shepherd's Symposium, Sheraton Lancaster, Lancaster; runs through December 9.

Sunday, December 10
Alexander Schaeffer Farm candlelight tour, Christmas drop in party, Schaefferstown, 2:00- p.m.



Maryland Livestock Dealer Agrees To \$350 Penalty

WASHINGTON, DC — John E. Watkins, of Emmitsburg, Md., has agreed to a \$350 civil penalty to settle federal charges of operating as a livestock dealer without a bond, a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) official said today.

Calvin W. Watkins, acting administrator of USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration, said John E. Watkins, the respondent in the case, has since filed a bond.

The respondent, who operates in Maryland and central Pennsylvania, also was placed under a

cease and desist order, similar to a permanent injunction, to ensure future compliance with the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

In agreeing to the penalties, he neither admitted nor denied the federal administrative charges filed by USDA under authority of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

The P&S Act is an antitrust, fair trade practice, and payment protection law. It is designed to assure free and open competition and to prevent unfair and deceptive practices in the marketing of livestock, meat and poultry.

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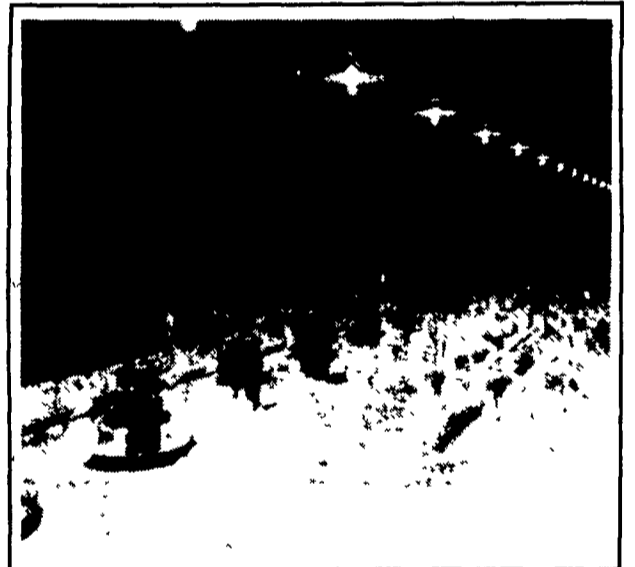
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