

Ag Representatives From Hungary, U.S.S.R. Tour Lancaster Farms

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 — While the U.S.S.R. and Hungary search for viable methods to make farming more profitable in Eastern Europe, they are checking out Lancaster County farms.

Lancaster County Extension Agent Jay Irwin led an entourage to the farms of John L. Landis, Lancaster; Kreider's Dairy Farms, Manheim; and Dan L. Martin, Manheim.

"We especially have an interest in distribution of milk products," said Dr. Logvin Overchuk, agricultural attache from the U.S.S.R.

"We are the largest producer of milk in the world but much of the milk is lost through transportation problems," he said.

Overchuk said that the average size of a Soviet collective farm is about the same as the John Landis farm with its 250 cows.

The visitors seem impressed that Landis, his wife, and four other employees can handle the work load on a farm that produces 2,000 gallons of milk a day.

Hungarian representative Josef Popp said the average farm in his country is 50 acres but that farms in Eastern Europe are sometimes 15,000 to 30,000 acres.

"We want to privatize the collective farms, but it is a very difficult matter. Because we haven't had private ownership for many years, we don't know the value of the land and we don't know who should get the land," he said.

Popp added that the European farms have a lot of debt. The government budget cannot handle the debt and a buyer would not want to assume that debt. This adds to the difficulty of knowing how to privatize the farms.

Although most of the European community is for subsidized farming, Hungary is definitely against it.

After the visitors toured the farm of Daniel L. Martin, Manheim, they expressed a keen interest in how cooperatives function. Martin, a retired director of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, explained that the co-ops are independent from each other, an idea that was difficult for the visitors to grasp because they believed the government had to control each co-op.

Both U.S.S.R. and Hungary hope that Lancaster County farmers will accompany extension agents on a visit to their countries.

Allan Mustard, who works for the U.S. as the Eastern European and Soviet secretariat; Guy Havi-



Since the Cooperative Extension is working with eastern European countries, several foreign leaders in agriculture enjoy touring farms in the U.S. On Thursday, John L. Landis, right, explained his dairy operation to (from left) Dr. Josef Popp of Hungary; Lancaster Extension Agent Jay Irwin, and Dr. Logvin Overchuk of the U.S.S.R.

land Jr., the U.S. coordinator for the Eastern Europe and Soviet sec-

retariat; and Dr. J. Dean Jansma, Penn State associate dean for inter-

national programs in agriculture; accompanied the tour.

Pennsylvania Ayrshire Convention Features Sale Sweepstakes

COCHRANVILLE (Chester Co.) — The second annual Pennsylvania Ayrshire Convention is to be held March 22 and March 23 at the Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville, Lancaster County.

This year's convention is to feature a special sweepstakes awards in conjunction with the State Spring Sale, which is held the second day of the convention.

Also new, the spring show is to be an open show this year, although junior members and youth are encouraged to participate.

Registration deadline for cattle entries in the show is March 18.

Registration for the convention is \$15 per person and includes the Friday evening banquet meal and a 9:30 a.m. brunch on Saturday.

Registration For Show

The Spring show is to be held Saturday, starting at 12:30 p.m., following the end of the official convention activities.

Judge for the show is James McCaffree, from York, and all sale animals, as well as show-only ani-

mals are to be eligible for premiums.

Animals brought in for the show must be registered in the owner's name by the day of the show. Contact your veterinarian for Pennsylvania's health rules.

Animals should be brought to Solanco Fairgrounds between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday, March 22. Hay and straw will be provided.

Premiums are to be paid in seven classes — Intermediate Calf, Dec. 1, 1990 to Feb. 28, 1991; Senior Calf, Sept. 1, 1990 to Nov. 30, 1990; Summer Yearling, June 1, 1990 to August 31, 1990; Junior Yearling, March 1, 1990 to May 31, 1990; Intermediate Yearling, Dec. 1, 1989 to Feb. 28, 1990; Senior Yearling, Sept. 1, 1989 to Nov. 30, 1989; and 2-Year-Old, Not Fresh, Dec. 1, 1988 to August 31, 1989.

Premiums are to be paid for the first 10 places: \$25 1st, \$20 2nd, \$15 3d, \$10 4th, \$5 5th-10th.

Other classes, without a premium, are for best three females

and best junior animal bred and owned by exhibitor.

Junior members are also invited to compete in a showmanship and fitting contest. The three age group divisions are Novice, for first year members; Junior, for those 13-years-old and younger; and Senior, 14 and older.

Spring Sale Sweepstakes

A unique idea has been initiated to challenge Ayrshire breeders to consign top quality calves and for the purchasers who buy tyhe calves.

If the purchaser raises the calf and has her complete a 305-day record and has her appraised, she will be eligible for sweepstakes awards.

All animals are eligible, as long as they have gone through a Pennsylvania Spring Sale, 1990 and

beyond, uncalved, regardless of year. It is the calendar year that the record is made that qualifies them for the spring sale sweepstakes.

All animals that complete a first lactation record in a calendar year are eligible. Records will be computed on a 305-day, mature equivalent, 4 percent fat corrected milk basis.

Sweepstakes winnings will be awarded at sale time in the spring following the calendar year in which productin and type appraisal is made (both must be in the same year).

Awards are to be \$100 for first place production; \$60 for second place; and \$40 for third.

A 10 percent bonus will be added if the animal is appraised 80 or above during the same calendar year that the production is made.

The purchaser/owner of the animal is responsible for nominating their animal for sweepstakes to the secretary of the Pennsylvania Ayrshire Breeders' Association before Dec. 31 of the year that the 305-day record is made. DHIA or DHIR will be the only records accepted.

The secretary will need verification of record from DHIA, or the Ayrshire Breeders' Association office in the case of DHIR.

Those wishing to attend can make their own sleeping accommodations at one of the following: Willow Valley Motel, about 8 miles away, (717) 464-2711, ask for Monica; Runnymede Farm Guest, a bed and breakfast facility about 2½ miles away, (717) 786-3625; or Little Britain Bed & Breakfast, about 10 miles away.

AYRSHIRE Convention Schedule of Events March 22-23 Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville

Friday, Feb 21

- 9 a.m. — noon Sale & Show Cattle Arrive
- 6 p.m. Social, all Ayrshire Breeders
- 7 p.m. Banquet
- 8:15 p.m. Annual Meeting
- 1991 Ayrshire Hall of Fame
- 1992 Futurity Entries
- 1993 Futurity Expanded Opportunities
- 1992 Sale Sweepstakes Possibilities
- with 1993 announcements
- 8:15 p.m. Youth Activities
- 9:30 p.m. Announcement of Ayrshire Princess
- 10 p.m. Anything Goes Auction

Friday, Feb. 22

- 9 a.m. Youth 1st P.O.E. Round-up
- 9:30 a.m. Brunch
- 10:25 a.m. Introduction of Ayrshire Princess
- 10:27 a.m. 1991 Hall of Fame Inductees
- 10:29 a.m. 1993 Sale Sweepstakes
- 10:30 a.m. Spring Calf & Heifer Sale
- 12:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Spring Ayrshire Show

1991 Ayrshire Association Convention Spring Ayrshire Show

Ticket and Animal Registration Order Form

(Deadline for tickets is March 18)

Convention Banquet and Brunch
 I would like _____ tickets at \$15 each.

Total _____

List of those attending:

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

ENTRY FORM

Cost is \$5 per animal

OWNER _____
 AGE (As of Jan. 1) _____
 ANIMAL'S NAME _____
 ANIMAL'S SIRE _____
 ANIMAL'S BIRTHDATE _____

SEND YOUR FORM WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

1991 Pa. Ayrshire Breeders' Association Convention
 Sharon Nolan
 R.D.1, Box 110
 Cochransville, PA 19330