

## New Dairy Organization Starts, Goal Is Social Interaction

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LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — A new statewide social organization is being formed for people with an interest in dairy cattle.

It's called the Pennsylvania Young Dairymen's Organization, and it's being formed under the sponsorship of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

The only restriction is that members must be between the ages of 20 and 40.

"The only qualification is a sincere interest in the Holstein or dairy cattle industry in general," said Mary Ann Keith, one of the founders.

There are no dues. There are no membership cards. In fact, there is little evidence that an organization has already started, except for two meetings already planned.

According to Keith, the purpose of the organization is fun and fellowship.

The organization is to be statewide. And anyone can go to any event occurring in any other part of the state. However, for practicality, the existing regional divisions of the Holstein Association are being applied.

The South-Central District Young Dairymen's Organization is holding a picnic for any dairymen or dairy industry-related people starting 11:30 a.m., June 9, at Logan Bower's Farm in Blain.

Dairy farm families from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York counties are invited to attend and are asked to bring a picnic dish to pass around and to bring table service. A \$5 donation per family is being asked to cover the cost of beverage and meat.

A number of activities are planned and there will be an opportunity to view Bower's dairy operation as well as visit with fellow dairy families and industry people.

Also scheduled, in the Central District, on May 18, is a meeting at the home farm of Dr. David Morrow, who lives in Centre County.

Keith said suggestions for meetings and activities are being sought. "Some of the suggestions for meetings include farm tours and demonstrations, picnics, game nights, and bowling nights."

Keith said she is excited about getting things going and offers an open invitation to all (20 to 40

years old) who are interested.

"If you are interested in becoming a part of this young organization, we are interested in having you," she said.

For more information and details, call Keith at (717)933-4356, or (717) 274-6907.

### SOUTH-CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUNG DAIRYMAN'S PICNIC

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \$ 5.00 per family

Make Check Payable and Return to: PA Holstein Association  
839 Benner Pike  
State College, PA 16801

## PDA Publishes Farm Vacation Guide

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — A working farm is a wonderful place for a family to spend vacation time. In addition to the scenic beauty many farms offer, visitors can learn more about Pennsylvania agriculture, the state's number one industry.

The Department of Agriculture has just published its 1991 Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Guide, listing the names, locations and other information about farms that accommodate tourists.

There are 39 vacation farms located throughout Pennsylvania with activities that include swimming and hiking, horseback riding and pony rides, volleyball and horseshoes, and hunting and fishing. The hosts often encourage visitors to learn about their farm operation and help feed the small animals.

Some of the farms are open all year, offering winter activities like ice skating, cross country skiing, tobogganing and sleigh rides.

Individual accommodations and rates vary from farm to farm. Guests will find rooms in old restored farmhouses and colonial mansions, or rustic cabins and primitive camping. Home style country cooking is often part of the vacation package. Local tourist attrac-

tions, county fairs, farm markets and historical sites are only a short drive from many of the farms.

For a free copy of the directory, send a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to: Pennsylvania Farm Vacations, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

The following farm owners appear in the 1991 Pennsylvania Farm Vacation Guide, with their county in parenthesis:

1. Alwayspring Farm, Howard & Jeanne Fitting, RD 3, Box 480, Carlisle, PA 17013; phone 717-249-1455. (Cumberland)
2. Buck Valley Ranch, Leon & Nadine Fox, Rt. 2, Box 1170, Warfordsburg, PA 17267; phone 717-294-3759. (Fulton)
3. Carriage Hill Farm, John & Kathy Byrne, 9023 Miller Road, Cranesville, PA 16410; phone 814-774-2971. (Erie)
4. Cedar Hill Farm, Russel & Gladys Swarr, 305 Longenecker Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552; phone 717-653-4655. (Lancaster)
5. Cedar Hill Farm of Spruce Creek Valley, James & Sharon Dell, HC-01, Box 26, Spruce Creek, PA 16683; phone 814-632-8319. (Huntingdon)
6. Cherry Crest Farm, John &

Donna Coleman, 150 Cherry Hill Road, Ronks, PA 17572; phone 717-687-6844. (Lancaster)

7. Clover Paradise Farm, J. Edward & LaDonna Biddle, RD 1, Box 31, Williamsburg, PA 16693; phone 814-832-3201. (Blair)

8. Conifer Ridge Farm, Dan & Myrtle Haldeman, RD 2, Box 202A, Clearville, PA 15535; phone 814-784-3342. (Bedford)

9. Dan-D-Don Farm, Jay & Alberetta Wanner, RD 1, Sabinsville, PA 16943; phone 814-628-2441. (Tioga)

10. Dempsey Farmhouse, Robert & Miriam Dempsey, 177 Riverview Road, Peach Bottom, PA 17563; phone 717-548-2141. (Lancaster)

11. Double "W" Guest Ranch, Kevin & Doris Waller, RD 2, Box 154Q, Honesdale, PA 18431; phone 717-226-3118. (Wayne)

12. Elver Valley Farm, Elvin & Vera Rohrer, RD 1, Box 177A, Cochranville, PA 19330; phone 717-529-2803. (Chester)

13. Green Acres Farm, Wayne & Yvonne Miller, 1382 Pinkerton Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552; phone 717-653-4028. (Lancaster)

14. Kalp's Farm, Donald & Janet Kalp, RD 1, Box 463, Acme, PA 15610; phone 412-455-2253. (Fayette)

15. Kaltenbach's Farm, Lee Kaltenbach, RD 6, Box 106A, Wellsboro, PA 16901; phone 717-724-4954. (Tioga)

16. Landis Farm, Earl & Evelyn Landis, 2048 Gochlan Road, Manheim, PA 17545; phone 717-898-7028. (Lancaster)

17. Line Limousin Farm, Robert & Joan-Line, 2070 Ritner Highway, Carlisle, PA 17013; phone 717-243-1281. (Cumberland)

18. Mountain Mama's, Don & Patsy Gales, RD 3, Box 212, Confluence, PA 15424; phone-814-395-5241. (Somerset)

19. Olde Fogie Farm, Tom & Biz Fogie, RD 2, Box 166, Marietta, PA 17547; phone 717-426-3992. (Lancaster)

20. Penn's Valley Farm, Melvin & Gladys Metzler, RD 7, Box 385, Manheim, PA 17545; phone 717-898-7386. (Lancaster)

21. Pleasant Grove Farm, Charles & Labertha Tindall, 368 Pilotown Road, Peach Bottom, PA 17563; phone 717-548-3100. (Lancaster);

22. Rayba Acres Farm, J. Ray & Reba Ranck, 183 Black Horse Road, Paradise, PA 17562; phone 717-687-6729. (Lancaster)

23. Rennell Farm, Whitney & Joyce Renshaw, RD 2, Box 271, Dushore, PA 18614; phone

717-924-3365. (Sullivan)

24. Rocky Acre Farm, Galen & Eileen Benner, 1020 Pinkerton Road, Mount Joy, PA 17552; phone 717-653-4449. (Lancaster)

25. Rowland Farm, Jeanette & Clifford Rowland, RR 1, Box 349, Beaumont, PA 18612; phone 717-639-3245. (Wyoming)

26. Sommerville Farms, Bill & Jane Williams, RD 4, Box 22, Jersey Shore, PA 17740; phone 717-398-2368. (Lycoming)

27. Spahr's Country Farm, Naomi Spahr, 192 Green Acre Road, Lititz, PA 17543; phone 717-627-2185. (Lancaster)

28. Spring Garden Farm, Albert & Doris Kauffman, RD 1, Box 522, Roaring Spring, PA 16673; phone 814-224-2569. (Blair)

29. Stone Haus Farm, Henry & Irene Shenk, 360 Esbenshade Road, Manheim, PA 17545; phone 717-653-5819. (Lancaster)

30. Teneriff Farm, Soenke & Christa Haseloff, RD 1, Milton, PA 17847; phone 717-742-9061. (Northumberland)

31. The Water Company, Ken & Sally Hassinger, RD 2, Box 985, McClure, PA 17841; phone 717-658-3536. (Snyder)

32. Verdant View Farm, Donald & Virginia Ranck, 429 Strasburg (Turn to Page A39)

## On-Farm Manufacturer Finds International Markets

**NEW HOLLAND** (Lancaster Co.)—The next patio you walk on or the new molding around your door may be a reincarnation of some used plastic milk containers. This will be so, if John and Amos

Lapp, Ken Nolt and the crews at Quality Fencing and Supply, Inc., located north of New Holland, have their way.

From Re-Source Lumber, Ltd., with offices in Quebec, Canada, and Elgin, Illinois, a new product

has entered the building market in the East. Recycled plastic milk containers are ground into flakes or pelleted and then extruded into various sizes of lumber. In the process, various colors such as weathered redwood, cedar, brown, black,

white and blue are added and different shapes from 3/4" x 51/2" planks to tongue and groove boards, dowels and moldings are made.

"This new wood lumber substitute has exceptional resistance to weathering, moisture and cracking," Nolt said. "It is ideal for porches because it doesn't need to be painted or replaced from rot every few years."

Quality Fencing started 10 years ago on the farm where a dog kennels was established. John designed the fencing for the kennels. Requests soon came for the same kind of fencing to be built for other people. This was the start of the chain link fencing division of the company. Last year, this division was moved to a neighboring farm under Amos's direction. Around the farm, chain link fencing is especially useful to protect manure storage areas.

Over the years, PVC fencing has become the trademark of the company. The extruded panels and tubes are purchased from the factory, but the many items such as hot house plant boxes, pasture fences, picket fencing for yards, and lawn benches, are manufac-

tured on the farm. These items are usually constructed from wood and take a lot of maintenance. But the PVC items need no painting and are just as strong as wood. If a horse or steer pushes against the fence, it has some elasticity and will often spring back into place. If the PVC fence is broken, the same damage would also have occurred with a wooden fence.

Many of the manufacturing machines used by Quality Fencing to construct their products were designed by John and Amos Lapp. The ingenuity inherent in the machinery and systems in this small manufacturing plant on a farm are fascinating.

The company looks to their three lines of products to carry them in their future business: the chain link fence for construction on rural and urban properties; the PVC products for national and world-wide distribution; and the lumber made from milk containers to supply to the construction industry.

In 10 years, Quality Fencing has come from dog kennels to an on-the-farm manufacturer and world-wide distributor of quality PVC fencing and other fine products. And business continues to expand.



A fence manufacturing operation replaced dogs and chickens on this Lancaster County farm.