



OPINION

June Is Dairy Month

In 150 years of dairy farming, the industry has come a long way...but some things never change. Today, as always, the dairy farmer's job is a demanding one. He works from before sunrise until well into the evening. No sick days, no days off and no sleeping in. His cows must be milked twice daily, 365 days a year.

Today's high-tech dairy operation, however, is a far cry from the family cow of pioneer days. The American Dairy Association says it was not until the mid-to-late 1800s that several innovations -- including the first rail shipment of milk, the first pasteurizing machine and refrigeration -- made dairy farming on a large scale practical.

Although today's dairy farmer is just as dedicated as ever, his dairy herds bare little resemblance to the pioneers, cattle or even the cattle of a few decades ago. Today's cow produces the milk that it once took 10 cows to produce. The most recent figures indicate that in 1989, 10.12 million cows produced 16.8 billion gallons of milk. Even more remarkable, the 10.12 million cows in 1989 outproduced the 17.5 million cows in 1960.

Since 1937, the month of June is dedicated to the dairy farmer and dairy products. From the farm gate to the dairy case, the wonderful world of real dairy products has a lot to celebrate. Join the millions of dairy enthusiasts in the Northeast and around the nation as they celebrate the fifty-fourth anniversary of June Dairy Month this summer.

Farm Calendar

- Saturday, June 1**
Chester Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Herr Foods Auditorium, Nottingham, 7:30 p.m.
Bucks/Montgomery Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Richland Mall, Quakertown.
Wayne Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Belmont Fire Hall, Pleasant Mt., 8 p.m.
Franklin Co. 4-H Beef Club annual 4-H Spring Preview Beef Show, Shippensburg Fairgrounds.Bradford Co. Erosion and Sedimentation Workshop For Timber Harvesters, Camp Lackawanna, Vosberg, 8 a.m.
Regional Christmas Tree Field Day, Tree Plantation, Greenwood Cemetery, Indiana, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2**
Woodedge Stables and Equestrian School, Moorestown, N.J., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Monday, June 3**
Butler Co. Wool Pool, Lawrence Co. Fairgrounds, thru June 4.
- Tuesday, June 4**
Butler Co. Wool Pool, Lawrence Co. Fairgrounds.
- Wednesday, June 5**
Twilight potato meeting, Handwerk Farms Potato Storage, Germansville, 6:30 p.m.
Catawissa Valley Fair, Catawissa, thru June 8.

- Thursday, June 6**
Feeding Holsteins For Beef Workshop, First Baptist Church, Port Allegany, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.
Shepherd's Night Pasture/Forage Production, Mercer Co. Extension Center, 6 p.m.
- Friday, June 7**
- Saturday, June 8**
Lebanon Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Lebanon Co. Vo-Tech School.
Adams Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Biglerville High School, Biglerville, 8 p.m.
Somerset Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Somerset Area High School, 7:30 p.m.
Bradford Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Troy Senior High Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.
Pa. Young Dairymen's Association, southcentral district, meeting, Logan Bower Farm, Blain, 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, June 9**
Dairy Goat Showcase, Allentown Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 10**
Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Dairy Farms Restaurant, Manheim, noon.
Centre Co. Wool Pool, Grange Fairgrounds.



NOW IS THE TIME
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To Salute Dairy Farmers
As everyone knows, June is Dairy Month. This month will see many unique and successful dairy promotional programs.

Every dairy farmer should be proud of the outstanding dairy promotional and advertising programs developed to promote milk and dairy products. These programs are only possible when every dairy farmer participates. Through this type of cooperation, the dairy farmer is able to develop a positive image while stressing the importance of dairy products for today's consumer.

I encourage everyone to participate in your local community's dairy promotional programs. And, do not forget to say thank you to our dairy farm families for all their work and dedication in producing the world's safest and best quality milk and dairy products. Remember, Now Is The Time to Rediscover Milk - The Drink for All Ages.

- Venango Co. Wool Pool, Carl Gadsby Farm.
- Tuesday, June 11**
Lancaster Co. Beekeepers meeting, Dale and Barb Beiler, Strasburg, 6:30 p.m.
FFA Activities Week, thru June 13.
Centre Co. Sheep and Wool Growers Wool Pool, Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall, 7 a.m.
Lancaster Co. goat meeting, Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 12**
South Jersey Flower Growers Trade Show, Salem Co. Fairgrounds, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Adams Co. Fruitgrowers meeting and tour, Kuntz Orchards, Gardners, 6:30 p.m.
FFA Activities Week, thru June 13.
- Thursday, June 13**
Pa. Rabbit Conference, Washingtonville Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
FFA Activities Week.
- Friday, June 14**
Flag Day!
Bedford Co. Dairy Princess Pageant, Northern Bedford High School.
Juniata Co. Dairy Princess

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To Keep Eggs Refrigerated
The '90s will be the decade for food safety. During the past several years, the egg industry has been working hard to reduce the incidence of food poisoning from eggs.

The hot summer months are when we have the largest number of food poisoning cases. This is due to the fact many food poisoning bacteria double in number every 20 minutes when temperatures are between 60 and 120 degrees F. These same bacteria will not reproduce at temperatures below 45 degrees F. Thus, refrigeration keeps bacteria from reproducing.

Refrigeration also helps to maintain the high quality of a freshly laid egg. In hot weather it is very important eggs are gathered frequently everyday and placed under refrigeration.

If you are selling eggs, you should be keeping the eggs under refrigeration until they are sold. Everyone has a responsibility to insure the consumer is receiving a

high quality and safe product. Refrigeration helps us in achieving this objective.

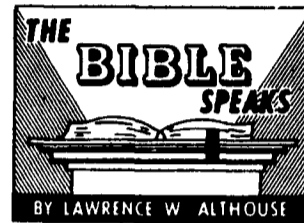
To Spend Time With The Family

Summer is a time for family vacations. These family vacations build family unity and traditions. I know many farmers say they are too busy to take a vacation. Vacations do not need to be long extended trips, taking several days.

One-day trips offer time together, a chance to see new things, and a break from daily chores. With a little advance planning, every farm family should be able to find a day for a family trip.

Involve everyone in the family in deciding where to go and type of activities to be included on the trip. There are many fun and exciting vacation activities within a four-hour drive from your home.

Children grow up fast, so, take time and enjoy them. Plan now to take a day for a family vacation this summer and start a new family tradition.



CAN YOU GO HOME AGAIN?
June 2, 1991

Background Scripture: Ezra 1.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 45:1-8.

Ever since Thomas Wolfe wrote his novel, *You Can't Go Home Again*, that sentiment has become a commonplace in our society; you can't go home again -- you can't go back to what was.

Actually, one can answer the question, "Can you go home again?" with both a "yes" and a "no." It is true that the "home" we go back to is never the same. The Reading, PA, of my childhood memories is not the same Reading I see when I go back to make periodic visits. The former -- if it existed at all -- exists no longer. That doesn't mean I get no pleasure from going back there, but it is quite different from what I knew and sometimes those difference are painful to me.

When I was a teenager at church camp in Perkasio, PA, I was enthralled by the spiritual experiences I had in a woodland dell where we met twice a day for worship. Years later, when I had graduated from college and seminary and camps were no longer being held there, I had an opportunity to go back, I hurried to the Dell, wondering if it would still be the same, I was saddened to find it overgrown and in obvious disuse. It was no longer my spiritual "home."

YES, YOU CAN

Yet, looking at it from another perspective, we not only can go

home again, but we need to do so. That is, there are times when we need to return to our roots, our principles, our faith. In a sense, the Christian life is a series of periodic returns to the commitments that were made for us when we were baptized and that we made ourselves when we united with the Church. No one, no matter how much he or she may grow and develop in the Christian faith, progresses in a straight line that moves ever upward. Life is like those business charts that show peaks and valleys, highs and lows.

This was the challenge that came to the people of Israel their captivity. Through Cyrus, the Persian King, came the call to "go up to Jerusalem... and rebuild the house of the Lord..." (Ezra 1:3). After all the years that the Jerusalem temple lay in ruins, they would once again rebuild it! Many of the people of Israel were going home!

When they got there, however, they found it was not the Golden Jerusalem of their parents' dreams and grandparents' memories. It was the same place, but different -- very different. And when they finally got the temple rebuilt, even it was not the same as Solomon's Temple that the Babylonians had destroyed. Built on the old foundations, it was another temple, built for another time.

NOT A PLACE

So it is in the life of the church. We too may find ourselves in exile, usually a self-imposed one. When we find ourselves too far away from our roots, it is likely that we have allowed ourselves to drift away. Then, we need to come back home, to return to the bedrock of our faith. In our churches we need to be rebuilding our spiritual temples from time to time. But we can only build on the old foundations a new church for a new day.

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CAN YOU UN-SCRAMBLE THESE LETTERS TO SPELL-OUT 16 'DAIRY RELATED' WORDS?

GOOD LUCK!

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2) WOC _____ 10) TACEGOT HECEES _____
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ANSWERS ON PAGE

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