



Karlene Weaver

Karen Lentz

Lebanon County Pageant Slated For Tonight

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Lebanon County Dairy Princess Pageant is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at the Lebanon County Vo-Tech School.

Contestants for the Dairy Princess title are Karen Lentz, 16-year-old daughter of Robert and Sandra Lentz, and Karlene Mae Weaver, 16-year-old daughter of Jesse and Darlene Weaver.

Contestants in the Lil' Miss Contest include Bethanie Heagy, daughter of Luke and Carol Heagy; Merritt Hernley, daughter of Shawn and Karen Hernley; Brandy Himmelberger, daughter of Dave and Linda Himmelberger; Chanelle Horst, daughter of Kirby and Sheryl Horst, and Jennifer Maulfair, daughter of Dale and Patty Maulfair.

Christmas Tree Meeting Set

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN (Schuylkill Co.) — Christmas tree growers and individuals interested in growing Christmas trees are invited to a program sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association.

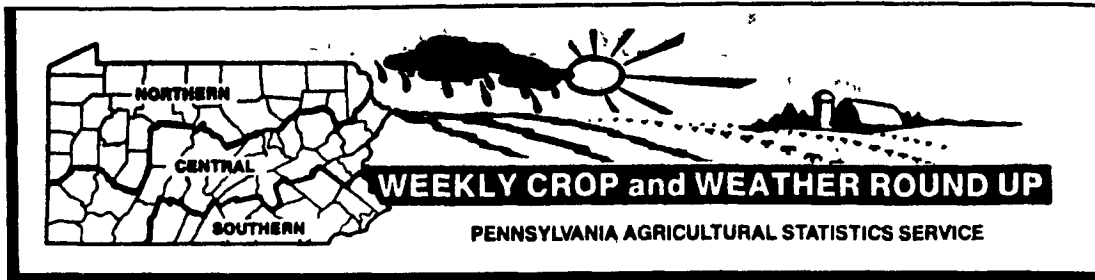
The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pinecrest Farms in New Ringgold, Pa. The meeting will qualify for credits toward pesticide recertification.

Dr. Paul Heller, Penn State University entomologist, will discuss Christmas tree insects and the new publication, "Woody Ornamental Pest Control Suggestion 1991." Rayanne Lehman, Pennsylvania

Department of Agriculture entomologist, will update growers on the latest insects found on Christmas trees and conduct a visual observation of insect symptoms.

Dr. Larry Kuhns, Penn State University, will discuss the herbicide demonstration plots and control of specific weeds in Christmas trees. Professor Don Daum, Penn State University ag engineer, and five sprayer companies will demonstrate spray coverage and safety equipment.

For more information, contact George P. Perry, Jr., county horticulture agent, (717) 385-3431 or Herbert A. Wetzler, Berks County agent, (215) 378-1327.



FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 2

EXCELLENT WEEK FOR FIELDWORK: Hot and humid conditions over most of the state finally came to an end as a cold front moved south through the state during the end of the week. An unseasonable warm air flow pushed temperatures into the upper 80's and lower 90's for most of the week. Respondents to our survey indicated that 6 days were suitable for field work. Activities for the week included repairing fence, hauling manure, harvesting hay and haylage, maintaining machinery, spring plowing, planting crops, and caring for livestock.

SOIL MOISTURE: Pennsylvania's top soil moisture was rated short by 71 percent of our respondents. Twenty-eight percent of the respondents rated soil moisture as adequate and 1 percent indicated a surplus. In the northern region, 61 percent rated it short, 36 percent rated it adequate, and 3 percent rated it surplus. In the central region, 80 percent of our respondents rated soil moisture short and 20 percent rated it adequate. In the southern region, 71 percent of our respondents rated soil moisture short, 28 percent rated it as adequate, and 1 percent rated it surplus.

PLOWING: Ninety-seven percent of the spring plowing was completed by week's end. Last year at this time, 92 percent was completed and the five-year average was 94 percent. Completion of spring plowing was 97, 98, and 97 percent in the northern, central, and southern regions, respectively.

CORN: By the end of the week, 90 percent of the state's corn crop was planted. Last year at this time, 71 percent was planted. The five-year average was 74 percent. Planting completion by region were: northern region — 87 percent; central region — 91 percent; and southern region — 93 percent.

SOYBEANS: The state's soybean planting was 67 percent complete by week's end. As of this date last year, 33 percent was planted, and the five-year average was 41 percent.

OATS: Pennsylvania's oat planting was complete at the end of the week. Last year, that figure was 97 percent and the five-year average was 98 percent planted. The oats crop was rated 20 percent excellent, 51 percent good, 23 percent fair, 5 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

POTATOES: According to our respondents, 95 percent of Pennsylvania's potatoes were planted. Last year 82 percent was planted and the five-year average was 86 percent.

BARLEY AND WHEAT: The state's barley crop progress, by the end of the week, was 7 percent pre-boot, 8 percent boot and 85 percent heading. Last year's numbers were 14, 18, and 68 percent, respectively, for pre-boot, boot, and heading. The five-year average was 13 pre-boot, 12 percent boot, and 75 percent heading. Wheat progress was 6 percent pre-boot, 14 percent boot, and 80 percent headed. Last year's progress was 12, 27, and 61 percent, pre-boot, boot and headed, respectively. The five-year average was 13, 25, and 62 percent, respectively. The wheat crop was rated 23 percent excellent, 54 percent good, 18 percent fair, 4 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

FRUIT: The commonwealth's peaches, by the end of the week, were all in the full bloom or past stage. At this time last year, all were full bloom or past. All of Pennsylvania's cherries were also in full bloom or past. All cherries were in full bloom or past last year at this time. Apples were 100 percent full bloom or past by week's end. Apples, at this time last year, were 3 percent pink and 97 percent full bloom or past.

HAY AND PASTURE: Statewide, alfalfa hay stands were reported as 68 percent good and 32 percent fair. Clover-timothy stands were rated good by 64 percent, fair by 35 percent, and poor by 1 percent. First cutting of alfalfa was 56 percent complete. The percent harvested at this time last year was 21 percent and the five-year average was 29 percent. The quality of feed being obtained from pastures was rated good by 45 percent of our respondents, fair by 46 percent, poor by 8 percent, and very poor by 1 percent.

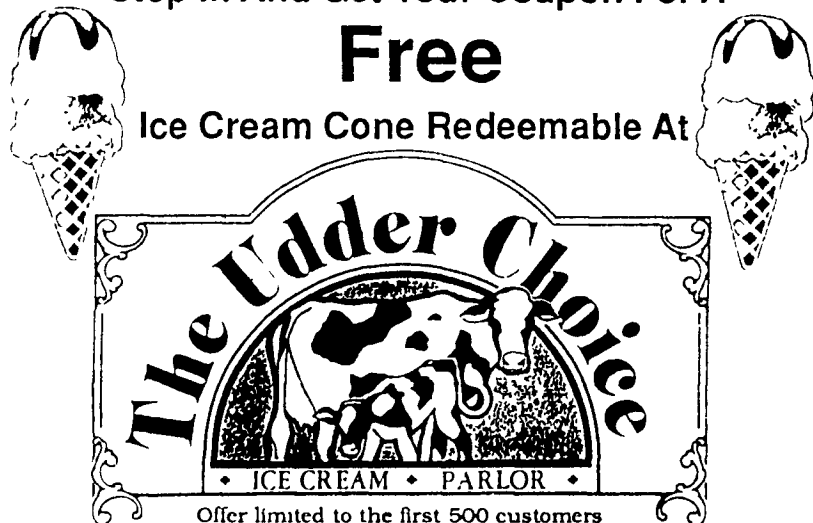
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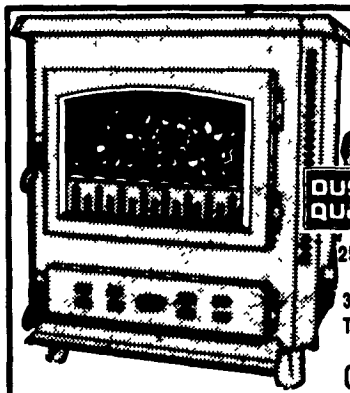
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