



OPINION

Farm-City Prayer

Oh Lord, Our Lord,
 Creator of all that's good.
 We come to You with many thoughts, as You have said we should.
 We've planned a celebration, with the farmers who till the soil.
 We've joined them all together, to learn each other's ways.
 That they might realize the challenges, that we have today.
 We've asked the city dwellers to join us on the farm.
 So they may learn the way of life of farming without harm.
 We ask Your loving kindness on those who take a part.
 We want them to know what happens here and how we got our start.
 We pray for You to open their eyes, that they might see new things.
 And open their ears that they will hear, the sounds that earth brings.
 We ask for You to guide the farmers in how to tell their story.
 Instill in the hearts of city folks, that earthly part of Your glory.
 Join us together in one accord, that we can accomplish much.
 Speak to us in Your loving way, with Your blessed crowning touch.
 Oh Lord, Oh Lord, what a great day this will be.
 A special day together, Farm and City folks are we.
 AMEN
 (Prayer written by Thelma Grovatt, Tabernacle, N.J.)

Farm Calendar

Saturday, November 23
 Susquehanna Co. Farm-City Banquet, Mountain View High School, 7:30 p.m.
 Warren Co. Ag Tour, Elm View Jersey Farm and Jensen Horse Stables, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
 Mercer Co. Holstein Club banquet, Mercer Co. Extension Center, 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 24
 York Co. Farm Visitation Day, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, November 25
 Annual York Co. DHIA banquet, Rutter's, Dairyland Square, Red Lion, 7 p.m.
 Penn State Income Tax Institutes, Embers Convention Center, Carlisle, thru Nov. 26.
 Ag Security Area meeting, Penns Valley Area High School, Spring Mills, 8 p.m.
 Penn State Tax Institute, Carlisle, thru Nov. 26.
 Southwest Pa. Hay Auction, Westmoreland Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.
 Lehigh Valley Horse Council, Whitehall Mall Community Room, Whitehall, 7:30 p.m.
 Edinboro dairy community meetings, Edinboro City Hall, 1:30 p.m.
 Ag security area meeting, Penns Valley Area H.S. Vo-Ag Dept., Spring Mills, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26
 Annual Forage Conference, Lan-

caster Host Conference Center, Lancaster, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Western Pa. Swine Feeding School, Alwine Civic Center, Greensburg, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Schuylkill Co. Estate Planning Workshop, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
 Lancaster Ag Industry Banquet, Century Farm Awards, Willow Valley Conference Center, 6:30 p.m.
 On-farm computer users meeting, Cooperative Extension Office, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte, 7:30 p.m.
 Penn State Tax Institute, Carlisle.
 Dairy community meetings, Venango Twp. Bldg., Wattsburg, 1:30 p.m.
 Swine feeds and feeding short course, Alwine Civic Center, Greensburg, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Endless Mountain Maple Producers Assoc. director's meeting, Towanda Extension office, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28
 Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1
 Pa. Basic Economic Development Course, Penn State Harrisburg,



NOW IS THE TIME
 By John Schwartz
 Lancaster County Agricultural Agent

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 To be safe, you need to check your chimney for creosote build up. Creosote is a product of incomplete wood combustion. Gasses driven off the wood that do not burn pass into a cold chimney and will condense there. The resulting deposit of a black tarlike substance is called creosote.
 If large amounts accumulate, they will run down the chimney as they are warmed. If an unusually high temperature is reached in the chimney, the creosote will ignite into a chimney fire.
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Middletown, thru Dec. 6.
Monday, December 2
 Pre-lambing management, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7 p.m.
 Advanced Commodity Marketing Seminar, Cecil Extension Office, 9 a.m.-noon.
 Pa. Basic Economic Development Course, Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, thru Dec. 6.
Tuesday, December 3
 Insects, Diseases, and Weeds of Trees and Shrubs, Penn State Great Valley, Malvern, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., thru Dec. 5.
 New England Small Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference and Trade Show, Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center, Waltham, Mass., thru Dec. 5.
 Pa. Basic Economic Development Course, Penn State Harrisburg, Middletown, thru Dec. 6.
 Home Horticulture Seminar, "Ornamental Grasses For Your Garden," Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
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 This first milk is very high in antibodies that the cow has produced as a result of her exposure to diseases in the herd. It is important for the calf to receive this colostrum milk very soon after birth for two reasons: it is the calf's first line of defense and the ability of the calf's system to absorb these antibodies diminishes very rapidly.
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