

State Dairy Industry To Be Featured At "Fun Night"

Pennsylvania's dairy industry, the number one agricultural industry in the state, will be in the spotlight at the Second Annual "Dairy Fun Night," held on Tuesday, January 14, 1992. A celebrity milking and butter making contest, a calf dressing contest, and an ice cream churn-off highlight the activities at the event held during the PA State Farm Show.

The "Fun Night" will kick-off at 6 p.m. in the Small Arena of the Farm Show Complex with a calf dressing contest between teams of 4-H and FFA members. The teams will compete in one of two categories,

Television/Movie Stars and Sports Heroes. The winning teams in each category will receive a \$75 top prize, with the second place teams receiving a \$50 prize. The "dressed" calves and their teams will be judged on the originality and creativity of the costumes, the team's showmanship, the neatness of the costumes, and category appropriateness.

Following the calf dressers, six contestants will start churning their best ice cream recipes. The winner of this Churn-off will receive a \$300 cash prize, with

\$150 for the second place recipe and \$125 for an honorable mention recipe. The Churn-off will be judged by Mrs. Peggy Wolff, wife of PA's Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff, Phil Keeney, Jr., of Hershey Creamery Company, and area radio personalities.

While the ice cream is churned, three celebrities will be trying their luck at "Dairy Jeopardy." Modeled after the famous television show, this contest will allow participants to test their knowledge of the state's large dairy industry. Areas of competition

include PA dairy products, economic significance, and dairy nutrition.

This year's event will then have a new feature, a milk mustache contest. After "Dairy Jeopardy," a dozen members of the audience will be selected to come down to the Small Arena and create their best milk mustache from a glass of milk. Pennsylvania's State Dairy Princess, Robin Wilbur, will select the winning mustache and award a "Milk Cow" sweatshirt to the winner.

The evening will close with the most spectacular event, a celebrity

milking and butter churning contest. Area radio personalities and government leaders will participate in teams for this contest. Each team will first milk a cow and then make butter from their milk. The winning team will have the best combined time for the milking and butter making.

The Second Annual "Dairy Fun Night" is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Further information about the activities is available by calling (717) 787-6903.

PSU Has Diverse Program Bug Museum Gets New Home Features At Farm Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Penn State's exhibit at the 76th Pennsylvania State Farm Show, January 11 to 16, will reflect the breadth of College of Agricultural Sciences research and education programs, from sustainable and international agriculture to wood products and youth development.

"We hope to give people a more complete understanding of the College's programs in sustainable agriculture and what the concept means," says James Frazier, professor of entomology and coordinator of the sustainable agriculture display. Visitors can complete a survey designed to gauge public opinion about sustainable agriculture, and faculty or staff will be on hand to answer questions and distribute printed materials.

The international display will highlight the College's involvement in a USDA Extension Service project to strengthen Poland's agricultural sector. Faculty and staff are helping Polish extension advisers to educate producers and agribusinesses about a free-market economy and to strengthen linkages among research, extension and industry. Similar efforts have been started in Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

The importance of forests to the

state's economy will be explored in a display coordinated by John Janowiak, assistant professor of forest resources. "Most people regard the forest as a beautiful natural resource," he says. "Many don't realize our forests benefit Pennsylvania's economy as well." Among the projects highlighted will be the nation's first red oak, glued-laminated timber bridge. Penn State researchers developed the technology and design specifications for this innovative structure, which offers a competitive alternative to concrete and steel spans.

Five of the College's youth programs will be part of a display that includes videos, live performances and demonstrations. Featured will be Theater and Dance, Therapeutic Horseback Riding, Learn and Earn, Latchkey Kids, and Eating for a Better Start, a program for pregnant teens. Adult leaders and youth participants will be on hand to answer questions.

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — A Penn State facility infested with nearly a half million insects has moved to new quarters, but not to get away from the bugs. It relocated so it can house more.

The Frost Entomological Museum, part of the College of Agricultural Science's entomology department, is located in Headhouse 3, across from Parking Lot 80 on Curtin Road, a block east of its former location in Patterson Building. The move increased the museum's space by about 60 percent to nearly 3,200 square feet.

"Until now, new acquisitions and proper collection management were hindered by our lack of space," said Dr. K.C. Kim, professor of entomology and the museum's curator.

As the university's resource for the study of insect systematics (the science of biodiversity and classification), the museum's collections and library holdings are important to educational and research programs at Penn State and throughout the scientific community. The museum provides

species identification, taxonomic and biological information, instructional resources, loans and exchanges of specimens, and public education programs.

"Systematics collections of animals and plants are the only permanent record of Earth's organic evolution and the diversity of organisms, and they become more valuable as species extinctions increase," Kim said. "The move to Headhouse 3 will enhance systematics research and help us safeguard valuable biological resources and specimens."

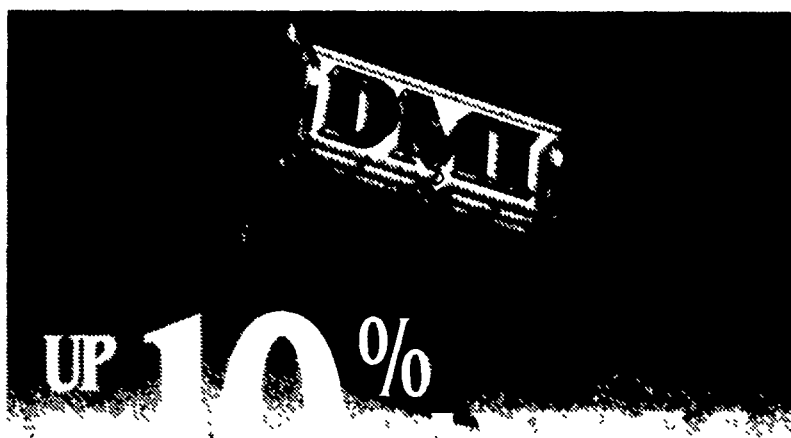
The Frost Museum is named for the late Penn State entomologist Stuart W. Frost, who began the collection in the late 1930s. The museum's holdings have grown to include nearly 500,000 specimens representing 28 orders, 455 families, 5,107 genera, and about 15,000 species of insects, dead and alive.

The museum's new home includes a 1,600-square-foot collection room; more than 1,300 square feet of space for research, laboratory work, library/computer

facilities, offices and storage; and 260 square feet of public exhibit area, where visitors can see still-life displays, a working honey bee hive, and live cockroaches, aquatic insects, and tarantulas.

The future installation of a special high density storage system is expected to add up to 50 percent more storage space in the collection room. Kim is seeking a grant from the National Science Foundation to acquire the system, computerize collection management, and develop a database of Pennsylvania insects and related creatures.

About 4,000 people visit the museum each year for public exhibits or guided tours. The museum's regular hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Group tours can be arranged by writing The Frost Entomological Museum, Department of Entomology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802, or by calling (814) 865-1895 or (814) 865-2865 at least two weeks in advance.



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