

RCMA Sets Regional Meetings

BATAVIA, N.Y. — Dairy farmer members of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency (RCMA) will meet throughout New York and Pennsylvania to discuss efforts to increase the price farmers receive for their milk.

RCMA has been active throughout the year on a variety of projects working to provide economic relief to farmers hit by low milk prices. An RCMA staff member will attend each meeting to update members about activities to provide an economic safety net for dairy farmers.

During each meeting, independent RCMA members will elect a regional director to serve on RCMA's board of directors, which meets regularly throughout the year. They will also elect a delegate and alternate delegate to attend the annual meeting in December and represent the region on membership matters.

The schedule for meetings is:

- March 10, 1 p.m., Chautauqua County Agricultural Center, Jamestown, N.Y. Region 10, Wyoming, Livingston, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Monroe and Genesee counties in New York, Crawford, Erie and Warren counties in Pennsylvania. Roger Cardot of Cassadaga, N.Y., is regional director.
- March 11, 1 p.m., Greenwich Masonic Temple, Greenwich, N.Y. Region 5, Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Hamilton, Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Albany, Columbia and Greene counties. Paul McGeogh of Argyle, N.Y., is regional director.
- March 12, 1:30 p.m., Bainbridge Town Hall, Bainbridge, N.Y. Region 8, Chenango, Broome and Otsego counties. Anne Livingston of Whitney

Point, N.Y., is regional director.

- March 12, 8:30 p.m., Wampsville Firehall, Wampsville, N.Y. Region 6, Oswego, Oneida and Madison counties. Bill McCracken of Hamilton, N.Y., is regional director.
- March 17, 1:30 p.m., Shadowbrook Dairy Bar, Tunkhannock, Pa. Region 12, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Luzerne, Carbon and Monroe

counties. Gary Rickard of Honesdale, Pa., is regional director.

- March 18, 1:30 p.m., Quality Inn, Williamsport, Pa. Region 13, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Lycoming, Clinton, Cameron, Elk, Clearfield and Centre counties. Donn Fetterolf of Aaronsburg, Pa., is regional director.
- March 18, 7:30 p.m., Carriage Corner Restaurant, Mifflinburg, Pa. Region 15, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Schuylkill, Leba-

non and Dauphin counties. Carl Brown of Pine Grove, Pa., is regional director.

- March 19, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn, Carlisle, Pa. Region 14, Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford and Somerset counties. Carl Wenger of Pleasant Hall, Pa., is regional director.
- March 23, 1 p.m., Ham-

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State Protects 23 Farms

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Pennsylvania Agricultural Land Preservation Board approved easement purchases for 23 farms in nine counties, protecting nearly 2,288 acres of prime farmland from commercial development.

It was the single largest number of farms targeted for preservation since the program was established in 1989. A total of 14,519 acres in 13 counties has been preserved in the

program's first three years.

"The number of farms that have been purchased shows that more farmers are becoming interested in the program, and, as a result, some very productive farms are participating," said State Agriculture Secretary and Board Chairman Boyd E. Wolff.

The board approved farm purchases in the following counties: Berks, Bucks, Cumberland, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgom-

ery, Schuylkill, and York.

A breakdown of the properties — by county, owner, township, acreage, and purchase cost — follows:

- Berks — Mary F. Haas, Oley Township, 123 acres, \$165,041.
- Berks — Joseph R. and Joanne L. Ruth, Oley Township, 69 acres, \$102,720.
- Berks — Rodger L. and Dorothy L. Wagner, Oley Township, 112 acres, \$236,445.
- Bucks — Ella and

Warren Detweiler, Bedminster Township, 58 acres, \$334,595.

- Cumberland — Robert and Michael Berkheimer #4, Monroe Township, 82 acres, \$210,652.

- Cumberland — Robert and Phyllis Berkheimer #1, Monroe Township, 70 acres, \$211,156.

- Lancaster — Elvin Brenneman, East Donegal Township, 126 acres, \$189,200.

- Lancaster — Dwight, Cheryl and Kathryn Hess, East Donegal Township, 86 acres, \$370,701.

- Lancaster — Dorothy M. Kreider, Strasburg Township, 104 acres, \$212,374.

- Lancaster — Noah Kreider and Sons (Ebersole), East Donegal Township, 161 acres, \$248,301.

- Lancaster — Noah Kreider and Sons, East Donegal Township, 83 acres, \$151,380.

- Lebanon — Ellen M. Bucher, Heidelberg Township, 91 acres, \$183,650.

- Lebanon — Luke I. Patches, South Lebanon Township, 60 acres, \$122,175.

- Lehigh — Martin and Glenda Bennicoff, Lynn Township, 102 acres, \$222,242.

- Montgomery — Gordon L. and Sandra L. Moser, Douglass Township, 79 acres, \$328,401.

- Montgomery — John P. and Jennie M. Virus, Douglass Township, 60 acres, \$274,195.

- Montgomery — Charles Wismer, Trappe Township, 164 acres, \$2.49 million.

- Montgomery — Clark Yoder, Douglass Township, 75 acres, \$334,070.

- Schuylkill — Stanley L. and Larry L. Fidler, Wayne Township, 248 acres, \$250,795.

- Schuylkill — Barron, Rich and Randall Hetherington, Union Township, 35 acres, \$36,366.

- Schuylkill — Ronald T. and Janet L. Radel, Hubley Township, 121 acres, \$119,189.

- York — Doris and Paul Curran, Chancetown Township, 120 acres, \$216,928.

- York — Clark and Olga Eveler, East Hopewell Township, 60 acres, \$90,516.

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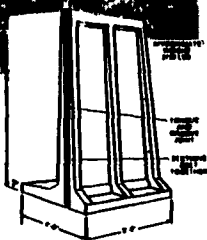
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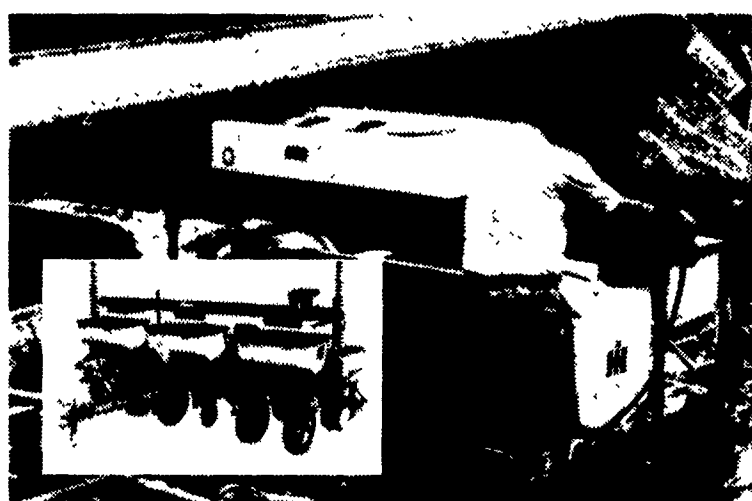
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