

# Show Supporters Make PADDs Special

HARRISBURG, Dauphin Co. — "The cattle are the best in the nation, the facilities are excellent, it is a tremendous show - we're delighted to be a part of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show," said long time friend and supporter of the All-American, Paul Nichols of the American Dairy Association.

Each year, several hundred farms, businesses and individuals donate their time and money to assist with this elite cattle exhibition. The support and enthusiasm for the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show stems back to the origination of the show 29 years ago. That is when eight men began working on the goal of creating a forum of open competition between cattle from neighboring states, Canada and Pennsylvania.

Long term dedication to the show begins with contributions from individuals such as John Merryman of Merryman Sales Co., Sparks, Maryland. Merryman has been a show sponsor since the inception of the All-American. He and many others create the unique spirit of competition and pride that runs so deep at this internationally

recognized show.

Agribusiness support is essential to the success of the show. Organizations such as Atlantic Breeders, Sire Power, Agway, Pfizer Inc., Nasco Inc., and Ralston Purina lend financial support and staff time for the various youth contests and judging competitions.

Devoted to promoting agricultural education and youth development, these businesses recognize the value of this show for the advancement of the dairy industry.

Penn State University personnel are an integral part of the show management team. From cattle check-in, to educational programs and youth activities, numerous members of the Penn State Dairy and Animal Science Department and county extension staff keep operations running smoothly and fairly.

Each year, more than 60 agribusinesses participate in the show as commercial exhibitors and general show supporters. These aggressive businesses utilize this show to showcase their wares and promote relations with the dairy farmers who attend the show.

The trade show keeps dairymen

updated on new trends and technology and helps the businesses keep an open line of communication with the end users of their products.

Special thanks goes to the hundreds of dairymen who make financial contributions to the show in the form of class sponsorships.

Premiums for this elite show exceed \$78,000 not including ribbons and trophies, or other expenses associated with such a tremendous show.

Breeders' contributions are the essence of the show. Their devotion to their breed and the betterment of the industry is demonstrated by their generous support each year.

The Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show is a cooperative effort. From exhibitors and sponsors to show management and the thousands of dairymen that attend the show, everyone has an important role. Given the commitment that the

show has experienced in the past, and the growth the All-American is enjoying now, it is easy to see that future shows will only be getting better.

Come see what all the enthusiasm is about, and share in the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show excitement. The public is encouraged to visit the show Sept. 21-24, at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Open daily, admission and parking at the show are free.



FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2

**FAIR WEEK FOR FIELDWORK:** Above-average temperatures and above-average precipitation across the commonwealth allowed four days suitable for fieldwork. Activities included spraying, hauling manure, maintaining machinery, cutting and baling hay, fixing fence, combining, and caring for livestock.

**SOIL MOISTURE:** By week's end, topsoil moisture was rated short by 1 percent of our respondents, adequate by 64 percent and surplus by 35 percent. Thirty-six percent of our respondents in the northern region rated soil moisture as adequate and 64 percent rated it surplus. In the central region, 72 percent of our reporters rated soil moisture as adequate and 28 percent rated it surplus. In the southern region, 6 percent of the respondents rated soil moisture as short, 81 percent as adequate, and 13 percent indicated a surplus.

**CORN:** The corn crop for the state was rated 31 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 16 percent fair, 3 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor. Our respondents reported that 42 percent of the corn crop was in the silking stage, compared to 74 percent last year and a five-year average of 53 percent.

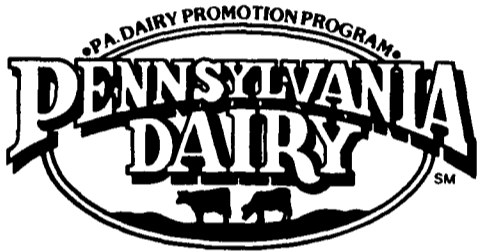
**SOYBEANS:** Soybean condition at the end of the week was rated as 2 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 29 percent excellent.

**OATS:** The oats progress by the end of the week was rated 9 percent headed or in the process of heading, 29 percent turning yellow, 44 percent ripe, and 18 percent harvested. Last year at this time, 1 percent of the crop was in the process of heading or in headed stage, 8 percent was turning yellow, 21 percent was ripe, and 70 percent was harvested. Oats condition was rated 19 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 24 percent fair, 4 percent poor, and 1 percent very poor.

**BARLEY AND WHEAT:** Barley was 20 percent turning ripe and 80 percent harvested. At this time last year, 4 percent was ripe and 96 percent harvested. Pennsylvania's wheat crop was 3 percent in the heading or headed stage, 6 percent turning yellow, 47 percent ripe, and 44 percent harvested. Last year at this time, 4 percent was ripe and 96 percent harvested. The wheat crop across the state was rated 18 percent excellent, 37 percent good, 30 percent fair, 12 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor.

**FRUIT:** Twenty-seven percent of the commonwealth's peaches were rated below average, 64 percent were rated average, and 9 percent were rated above average. Apples were rated 18 percent below average, 71 percent average, and 11 percent above average.

**HAY AND PASTURE:** By week's end, the second cutting of alfalfa was 52 percent complete. Last year it was 81 percent complete. The quality of hay made was rated good by 13 percent of our reporters, fair by 49 percent, and poor by 38 percent. The quality of feed being obtained from pastures was rated good by 56 percent of our reporters, fair by 34 percent, poor by 9 percent, and very poor by 1 percent.



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