

Pa. Ayrshire Association Announces Events

ULSTER (Bradford Co.) — The Pennsylvania Ayrshire Association is alive and well and has a full agenda for those interested in the dairy cattle breed.

The state Farm Show dairy cattle show, scheduled for starting at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Large Arena of the state Farm Show Complex, is a good place to go to learn more about the Ayrshire breed.

Following the Ayrshire competition in the ring, the PAA is to hold its state meeting at noon in Room E of the main Farm Show building (the one facing McClay Avenue). The meeting is open to anyone interested in the breed.

For those interested in the sale of Ayrshires and the consignment of animals to the association's sales, there is to be a meeting of the PAA Sale Committee — just prior to the state meeting.

Immediately following the state meeting, the Ayrshire Youth Committee is meeting to organize an events schedule. "Let's put our heads together and see what we can do for our future Ayrshire breeders this year," said Ben Hillyard, association newsletter editor.

While the meetings are designed

as a forum for sharing ideas and information and to jointly decide on direction and events, there are some things already on the slate for the colored breed association.

The state Ayrshire Spring Calf and Heifer Sale is scheduled for April 2 and April 3 at the Williamston Inn, in Towanda. Last year the sale was held there with 30 head of top calves and heifers and 19 new buyers.

"Let's do the same again this year," Hillyard said. "Consign your best for some 4-H or FFA youth and let them show just what a beautiful Ayrshire looks like in the show ring."

Anyone who would like to sell an animal should contact one of seven people: John Rodgers, (717) 935-5242; Rob Nolan, (215) 593-7465; Dale Maulfair, (717) 865-6439; Earl Keefer, (717) 692-3738; Dwight Hunter, (412) 484-7837; Ben Hillyard at (717) 596-4371; or Wayne Weaver at (717) 785-5809.

Also, in conjunction with the sale, on April 3 is the spring Ayrshire show at the Williamston Inn. Last year there were 45 animals entered. The reserve grand champion was a sale animal.

Also scheduled is an Ayrshire princess contest open to all 12- to 20-year-old young women who have an interest in representing the breed. Nicky Bozinski was the 1992 princess with Samantha Hillyard as alternate princess. Both have been all over the state promoting the breed's attributes.

Anyone interested in representing the breed as princess should call Bonnie Wentworth at (717)

548-3896.

And, during the annual meeting, an inductee into the Pa. Ayrshire Association Hall of Fame will be announced. This program honors those who have contributed much to the improvement of the breed and to the lives of breeders.

Anyone who knows of someone who has devoted their life to the Ayrshire breed and who should be

recognized, should contact Don Gable at (215) 286-2967.

On July 17, the annual field day is to be held at the Plum Bottom Farm, owned by the John Rodgers family in Bellville, Mifflin County.

A number of other shows, sales and events are planned. For more information, contact the association while at the Farm Show, or through one of its members.

New Laws May Benefit Agriculturalists

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff Monday noted that three bills recently passed by the state legislature will benefit Pennsylvania farmers and agribusinesses.

Acts 130, 163, and 174 were approved by the legislature in November and signed in law by Gov. Robert Casey in December.

Act 130, the Pennsylvania Export Partnership Act, creates the Pennsylvania Export Partnership Advisory Board, designed to promote the sale of commonwealth-manufactured goods and services in foreign markets.

This Act also creates the Trade Event Grant Program, which is to

provide grants to encourage small-sized and medium-sized businesses in the commonwealth to have their personnel attend international trade events.

In addition, the act also provides for a Regional Export Matching Grant Program, intended to provide grants to assist and encourage the operation of regional export development programs.

Act 162 of 1992 amends the Plant Pest Act of 1937 by eliminating portions which are no longer applicable, permits the collection of fees for inspection, certification and testing, and allows for civil penalties to be imposed to help ensure compliance with the act.

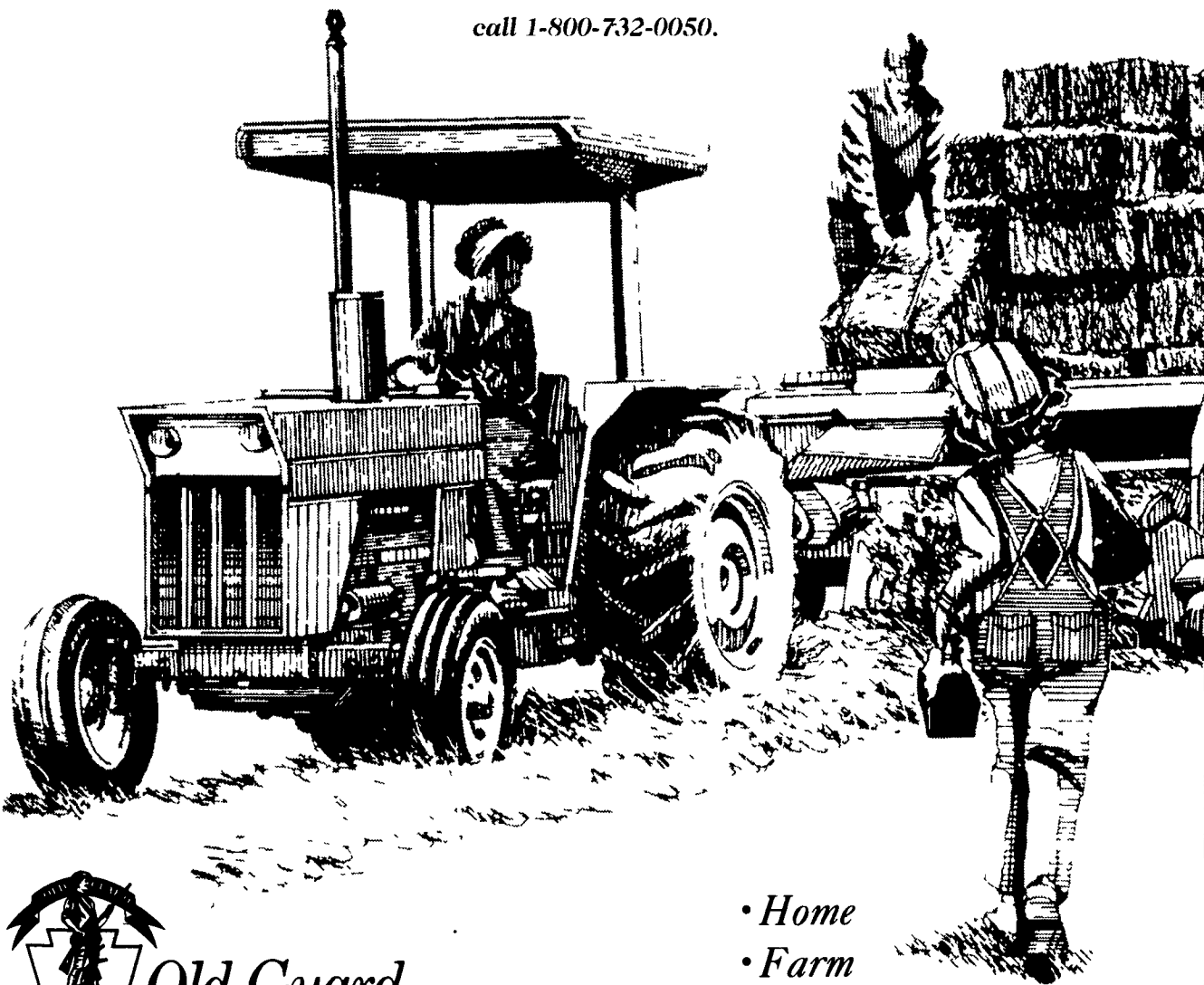
Act 174, dealing with commercial implements of husbandry, Amends Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to add several changes. Included are a definition of "Commercial Implement of Husbandry," provide exemptions for certain vehicles from registration; exempt permit requirements for certain chemical and fertilizer vehicles; and require drivers of vehicles on public property to be licensed. It also provides other amendments to Title 75.

Act 130 is an effect retroactive to July 1, 1992; Act 162 takes effect on Feb. 14, and Act 174 takes effect on Feb. 16.

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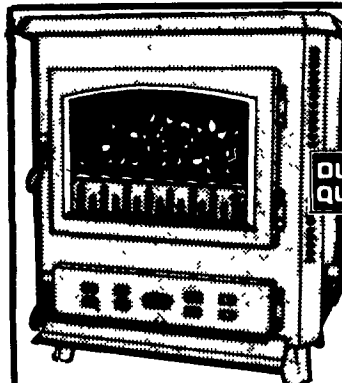
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