

Farm Calendar

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- Tuesday, May 4
- Wednesday, May 5
- Thursday, May 6
- Friday, May 7
- Saturday, May 8
Hereford Breed Sale, Dairy Pavilion, New York State Fairgrounds.
- Western Pa. Sheep and Club Lamb Sale, Mercer Co. 4-H Park, Mercer, 6 p.m.
- Beef Field Day, Clair and Susan Zimmerman Farm, 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday, May 9
Happy Mother's Day!
- Monday, May 10
- Tuesday, May 11
- Wednesday, May 12
Atlantic Dairy Co-op 36th Eastern Member Relations Conference, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, thru May 14.
- Thursday, May 13
Home Horticulture Seminar, Figs, Asian Persimmons, Dwarf Citrus, Kiwi and Other Unusual Edibles, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

- Ag Issues Forum, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.
- Friday, May 14
- Saturday, May 15
Mid-Atlantic Arabian Horse Show, Horse Park of N.J., thru May 16.
- Sunday, May 16
- Monday, May 17
- Tuesday, May 18
Managing Succession and Continuation In the Family Business, Alderfer Auction Center, Hatfield, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19
Home Horticulture Seminar, Bonsai for Beginners, Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 20
Berks Co. 4-H Supper Series, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Phila. Fair at Philadelphia Park, Bensalem, thru May 31.
- Friday, May 21
Cumberland Co. Benefit Auction of Livestock Youth Programs, Embers Restaurant, Carlisle.
- Saturday, May 22
- Sunday, May 23

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Editor,

I am a dairy farmer, not an opponent of animal agriculture. Many of the methods of medicine are the result of using animals first.

However, I have a real concern in using growth hormone (BST) on dairy cows.

"All milk contains BST and there is no test to tell if the BST in any milk comes from nature or an injection." This is true today.

A few years ago, an animal medicine salesman was pushing sulfa drugs for use on cows. It was printed on the bottle that it was not to be used on animals (destined) for milking or slaughter.

(The salesman) said there was no way to test for sulfa, but they learned how, and a lot of farmers were in trouble.

It is also true that our bodies produce cholesterol. They have learned that there is a good form of cholesterol and a bad form.

Is there a bad form of BST no one knows?

It will not put anyone out of business to ban the use of BST, but the scare tactics put out by the Pure Food Campaign could.

Look at what happened to the apple growers when the use of Alar was blown out of proportion. The

apple growers lost millions of dollars.

The grape growers in South America were ruined by scare tactics. The same thing happened to mushroom growers, cranberry growers, and last summer to cantaloupe growers.

I can not see any reason to set ourselves up for the same situation.

If milk were in short supply it would be different, but with Class I milk use (which provides the highest gate price) currently comprising less than 50 percent, what would the percentage be if all milk production increased 15- to 20-percent?

What would that do to the price of milk?

Albert Bartels
West Grove

Wilkinson Chairs PMMB

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Gov. Robert Casey recently appointed Leon H. Wilkinson, of Landenberg, as chairman of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

Wilkinson, a retired dairyman, has been serving as a member of the board since 1986. He replaces Donald E. Lanius, who served as chairman since May 1991.

According to PMMB Secretary O. Frank DeGarcia, the governor thanked Lanius, who is continuing to serve as a member, for his service as chairman.

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