

# Farm Calendar

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ant, New Holland, 9:30 a.m.  
Dairy-MAP winter meeting,  
Bonanza Family Restaurant,  
Lyndora, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Thursday, December 9**  
Ag Issues Forum, Congressman  
Tom Ridge, Historic Strasburg  
Inn, Strasburg, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.  
Adams DHIA annual meeting,  
Harney, Md., 6:30 p.m.  
Agronomy Ag-Service School,  
Quality Inn (Embers), Carlisle,  
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Western Pennsylvania Vegetable  
Growers meeting, Days Inn,  
Butler, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Dairy-MAP, Washington County  
Extension, Washington, 10  
a.m.-3 p.m.

**Friday, December 10**  
Agronomy Ag-Service School,  
Brynwood Inn, Lewisburg, 9  
a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 11**

**Sunday, December 12**

**Monday, December 13**

**Tuesday, December 14**

Rutgers University 15th annual  
pest control meeting, Holiday  
Inn, Bridgeport, N.J., thru Dec.  
15.

New England Small Fruit and  
Vegetable Grower Conference  
and Trade Show, Sturbridge  
Host Hotel, Sturbridge, Mass.,  
thru Dec. 16.

Dairy-MAP winter meeting,  
Somerset County Area Vo-

Tech School, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Leadership Lebanon Valley Ag  
Day, Lebanon Valley Ag  
Center.

**Wednesday, December 15**  
Dairy-MAP winter meeting,  
Bonanza Family Restaurant,  
Lyndora, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Westmoreland County Coopera-  
tive Extension dinner meeting,  
Mountain View Inn, Greens-  
burg, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, December 16**  
Mid-Atlantic Conservation Til-  
lage Conference, Ramada Inn,  
Hagerstown, Md.

Pa. Holstein board of directors  
meeting, State College, 10:30  
a.m.

Pa. Seedman's Association annual  
meeting, Eden Resort Inn,  
Lancaster.

Dairy-MAP, Washington County  
Extension Office, Washington,  
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Friday, December 17**

Penn State Ag Chemical Com-  
pliance School, Farm Show  
Complex, Harrisburg, 8:45 a.m.

Dairy-MAP winter meeting,  
Somerset Area Vo-Tech  
School, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

# Price For BST Known At Last

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24-hour, toll-free telephone num-  
ber has been manned in order to  
answer potential consumer ques-  
tions about Posilac, including  
information about its price.

On Wednesday, in a telephone  
interview, McDermott said the  
\$6.60 price is for a 14-day  
supply — however, the recom-  
mended use of Posilac is one injec-  
tion every 14 days, starting when  
the cow is in her ninth week of lac-  
tation. It works out to a cost of 47  
cents per cow per day.

Estimates on increased produc-  
tion, which is to be realized within  
several days of the first injection,  
run from 5 pounds per cow per day,  
to 15 pounds per cow per day.  
Monsanto has suggested using a 9  
pound per day estimate of  
increased production.

Also, without providing details,  
a 5- to 6-pound increase is neces-  
sary to cover the costs of the BST  
and the additional feed, according  
to Monsanto.

The company also has  
announced that, once the morator-  
ium is lifted, it plans to offer an

introductory \$5-per-dose special,  
for three months.

In addition, McDermott said  
that the company also is offering to  
pay for up to \$100 worth of veteri-  
nary service for dairymen who  
wish to have their herds inspected  
for whatever concerns they may  
have with regards to herd health  
and the use of Posilac.

Whether or not the use of an  
injectable form of BST will benefit  
a production dairyman will have to  
be decided on a case-by-case basis,  
according to experts.

Dr. Steven Ford, with the Penn  
State University Department of  
Agricultural Economics and Rural  
Sociology, recently recommended  
that each producer should closely

analyze his operational costs and  
be conservative in the estimates  
before adding on the costs of sup-  
plemental BST injections.

Ford has created a worksheet for  
dairy producers by which they can  
get an idea of the amount of profit,  
if any, they may be able to gain by  
using the product.

According to Ford, the amount  
of return for outlay may very well  
not be justified for some produc-  
ers, while others may benefit to a  
yet unknown degree.

He said the number of variables  
which could affect the profitability  
of using the product are many and  
the industry too diverse to say that  
it will result in a profit.

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