

Southeast Pa. Grazing Conference To Be Held

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — A Southeast Pennsylvania Grazing Conference is scheduled to be held 8 a.m., Jan. 26, at Harvest Drive Restaurant in Intercourse, sponsored by the Lancaster County Grazers and supported by the local Penn State University Extension office.

The slate of speakers includes a variety of well-known, or long practicing and successful authorities on grazing from around the United States.

Arden Landis, a Christiana dairyman who is a member of the Lancaster County Grazers, said the organization decided to sponsor the conference because of the regional interest and increasing practice of grazing, in order to help dairymen get a better understanding of the overall process and get information that should help fine-tune an operation for better herd health considerations, efficiency and profit.

Landis said the cost of the conference should easily, and quickly be regained through the use of some knowledge picked up at the conference.

The conference is to run until 4 p.m., and the cost of the conference includes a family-style dinner and time to visit with exhibitors.

The cost of the conference is \$30 each prior to Jan. 26. There is limited seating and registrations are to be accepted on a first-come basis.

Should there be any additional seats on Jan. 26, those who walk in will be able to participate for \$40 per person, meal included.

The speakers include Roger Wentling, a well-known grazing consultant who has been working with farmers since the 1980s, who is to give an introduction to grazing including a discussion on the economics of grazing and soil fertility.

Winifred Hoffman, who with her husband graze and milk a herd of Dutch-Belt cattle in Illinois, is to talk about principles of cross-breeding for pasture profits, and give practical tips for seasonal dairying and grazing.

Glenn Shirk, Lancaster County extension dairy specialist, is to discuss how grazing affects nutrient

management and water quality.

After lunch, Allen Weickel, a dairy farmer from Peach Bottom, is to talk about grazing alfalfa and sudan grass, and fencing considerations and ideas.

Marlin Metzler, a top grazer from Wisconsin is to talk about how grazing can improve the bottom line, how to maintain good production on grass, and ideas on operating a low-overhead business.

Glen Moyer, a client of Sonny Golden, from Somerset County, is to discuss coping with wet and dry conditions, some advantages of grazing overcropping, and handling the spring flush.

An open, question-and-answer forum with the speakers is to be held during the final hour.

Co-sponsors of the event are Agra-Dynamics, Ag Fence Systems, Belmont Breeders, Farmer's Supply, Free Choice Enterprise, Kencove Fencing, and Meadow Green Valley Inc.

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Top 50 Protein Herds, Lancaster DHIA For November

The top 50 protein producing herds for November in Lancaster DHIA are listed as follows:

NAME	BED	BHA MILK	BHA FAT	BHA PRO	NO. COWS
BOB+KAREN GOCHENAUR	H	24439	780	768	58
STEPHEN L. HERSHEY	H	24411	882	764	60
ROBERT KAUFFMAN JR	H	22967	880	760	100
HOMER G. HESS	H	24083	861	745	59
HENRY D. LINDEMAN	H	23436	796	741	55
CURTIS F. AKERS	H	22884	842	740	57
JOHN E. COLEMAN JR	H	22510	817	740	60
WARREN I. GOOD	H	22791	827	739	46
ABRAHAM SHELLY JR	H	22054	790	739	40
PARKER H. RANCK JR	H	24236	911	737	53
EARL & ANNA MAE REIFF	H	23280	861	735	42
NATE+TRISH STOLTZFUS	H	22696	751	728	46
SHELMAR ACRES	H	22858	798	727	85
WEA-LAND FARM	H	22725	800	726	63
HARRY L. TROOP	H	22637	783	724	61
THOMAS C. LAPP	H	22375	793	719	63
KENNETH E. ZURIN	H	23058	768	718	268
KEN + LISA WIKER	H	22514	804	718	80
ROBERT L. & LINDA SENSENIG	H	22259	779	718	75
RICK + NIN BRENNEMAN	H	21809	842	718	45
JEFFREY L. AUGST	H	23017	733	717	47
WALNUT RUN FARM	H	23347	841	717	239
NELSON + JANE STOWER	H	23467	731	715	125
EMANUEL S. ESH	H	23257	784	715	50
NEVIN S. HORNING	H	23632	835	715	47
VERNON R. UMBLE + SON	H	22126	840	714	93
SPRING BELLE FARM	H	22107	812	712	44
J. RAY RANCK	H	22040	800	712	63
MELVIN ZOOK	H	22311	814	711	76
DAVID R. STOLTZFUS	H	23030	787	707	39
AMOS E. STOLTZFUS	H	21641	773	705	63
ROBERT L. SHELLY	H	21050	820	704	55
JOHN H. HOWARD	H	22006	807	704	45
MARLIN R. BEILER	H	23671	799	704	25
LENEWOOD FARM	H	21685	779	703	77
ROY E. SENSENIG	H	21706	748	700	68
J. ELMER STOLTZFUS	H	21559	684	699	35
R. EDWIN HARNISH	H	21363	791	698	64
DAVID K. STOLTZFUS	H	21673	717	698	48
RALPH PETERSHEIN	H	22019	747	697	79
PILLAR - PRIDE FARM	H	21909	815	696	62
ELMER M. HIGH	H	22329	769	696	51
AARON R. ZEISET	H	21763	799	696	43
WARREN E. BURKHOLDER	H	22120	853	694	42
GLENN H. WENGER	H	22169	781	693	66
CLAIR R. LANDIS	H	22464	662	693	76
HARVEY Z. REIFF	H	21737	773	692	50
SIX CORNER FARM	H	21549	824	692	41
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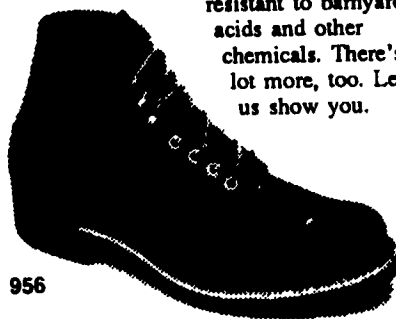
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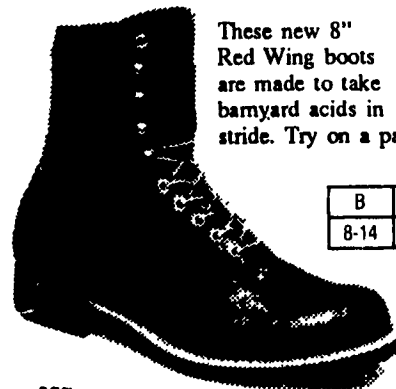


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