

RISA Unites Farmers, Regulators, Consumers To Ensure Ag's Future

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Regulations on water use. Regulations on nutrient use. Regulations on spraying. Regulations on cropping. Regulations on where to farm, how to farm, or whether to farm at all.

Isn't it any wonder that farmers could desperately use some help to free their hands brought by the increasing regulations that keep them from doing their job?

One program recently established by a consortium of educators and industry is taking steps to ensure that agriculture is not lost to regulation, development, and other pressures.

The program, called the Region-

al Infrastructure for Sustaining Agriculture (RISA), has been established with a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to Penn State University and the Pennsylvania Association For Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) to bring people together from the community to educate leaders, farmers, and consumers about the importance of keeping agriculture viable in the southeastern region of the state.

Penn State and Rodale, for the purposes of the RISA project, work through an umbrella organization called the Penn State/Rodale Center For Sustaining Agriculture and Natural Resources in Urbanizing Environments, or SANRUE.

The grant was awarded in spring 1993. When all is said and done, RISA will help promote, document, and disseminate information gathered from groups representing agriculture, industry, and communities as a whole. Eventually, the information could be used to work out a plan to ensure the future of farming.

"People being willing to sometimes just talk to each other is a barrier," said Dr. Terry M. Schettini, associate director of research in horticulture at Rodale and RISA core team member. "Someone may have information, and if the other person doesn't want to listen, who suffers? Agriculture suffers."

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Dr. Terry M. Schettini, right, and associate core team member Jonda L. Crosby, RISA project associate at the Berks County Cooperative Extension, are helping to guide a \$2 million, 3½ -year, 23-member project to its ambitious goal — that of setting up contacts with farmers and community leaders to ensure that agriculture remains a viable, powerful economic force in the 10-county southeastern Pennsylvania region.

ANIMAL HOUSING EXPO

July 12, 13, 1994 Lebanon Fairgrounds



A show for Northeast livestock, dairy and poultry producers



Dairy, livestock, and poultry products are a significant part of Pennsylvania agriculture. While several farm shows are held throughout the Commonwealth, few concentrate on the needs and issues of animal housing. The demonstrations, speakers, and exhibits at the Animal Housing Expo will focus on proven, state-of-the-art ventilation, feeding, watering, manure handling, and housing systems. Dairy, livestock and poultry producers may spend as little as a few hundred dollars for renovations or up to several hundreds thousand dollars for new facilities to provide adequate housing for their animals. At the Animal Housing Expo, these producers will have an opportunity to investigate available options, talk with industry experts, and select the system and services that best meet their needs.

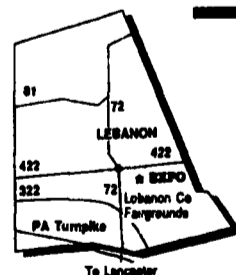
JULY 12, 1994
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visit exhibits and see demonstrations.
SPEAKERS
10:00 a.m. *Building Design for Rodent & Bird Control*
Dr. Howard Person, Michigan State University
10:45 a.m. *Milking System Management*
Dr. Doug Reinemann, University of Wisconsin
11:30 a.m. *Functional Cattle Treatment Facilities*
Dr. Lynn Sammons, Valley Creek Animal Hospital
12:45 p.m. *Door Prize - Gas Grill*
(Must be present to win)
1:15 p.m. *Tools for Financial Planning*
Dr. David Kohl, Virginia Tech
2:00 p.m. *Fly Control in Confinement Housing*
Dr. Charles Pitts, Penn State University
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3:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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At concession stands
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Fly control
Stall designs
Animal handling
Animal restraints
Water quality
Ventilation
Summer comfort



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From the Lancaster-Lebanon exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, take Route 72 north toward Lebanon for about 6 miles and turn right onto Rocherty Road. Proceed about half a mile to the fairgrounds. From Lebanon, take Route 72 south. About 1 mile south of the light at Cedar Square Plaza, turn left onto Rocherty Road. Proceed about half a mile to the Lebanon County Fairgrounds.

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