

82nd Convention

1995 PA Holstein Convention Schedule of Events

Feb. 23-25

Radisson Hotel, West Middlesex

Thursday, Feb. 23

noon — 7 p.m. Registration
 noon — 6 p.m. Commercial exhibits open
 noon — 6 p.m. Dairy bar open
 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. Meeting of Board of Directors
 1 p.m. Host Day activities, tours,
 shuttle bus to sale cattle barn
 7 p.m. Convention Sale
 10 p.m. — 11 p.m. Dairy bar open

Friday, Feb. 24

8 a.m. — 10 a.m. Early bird program, commercial exhibitors' highlights
 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. Dairy bar open
 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. 82nd Annual Meeting
 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. Commercial exhibits open
 10 a.m. — 6 p.m. Registration open
 10 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. Ladies program
 6 p.m. — 7 p.m. Banquet reception
 7 p.m. Convention banquet and dance

Saturday, Feb. 25

8 a.m. — Awards Breakfast Program

Reassessment In Full Swing

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Lancaster County is in the middle of a county-wide, court-ordered real estate tax assessment and many farmers will be affected.

The process began almost two years ago with an informational meeting held by the Lancaster County Farm Bureau at the county Farm and Home Center to help people understand the process, why it was being undertaken, and what options were available under the state's "Clean and Green Act," otherwise known as Act 319.

The act provides a preferential tax assessment for agricultural lands and forests, allowing them to be assessed at the value of the use of the property, rather than market

value.

Since the original informational meeting, property values have been reassessed, updating values for the first time in many instances from the 1950s and 60s.

The new values are to go into effect sometime this year.

Lancaster County Farm Bureau has set up a series of meetings in conjunction with the county Tax Bureau to help farmers and other interested landowners decide whether or not to participate in the Clean and Green program.

In order to get all possible information concerning reassessment, Clean and Green, taxes, etc., a series of meetings, which started Friday, have been scheduled for around the county.

The first meeting was held at the Martindale Fire Company, the remainder of the meetings, all set to start at 7:30 p.m., are set for:

- Jan. 24 — Farm and Home Center in Lancaster.
- Jan. 27 — Donegal High School Auditorium.
- Jan. 30 — Hoffman Building, in Quarryville.
- Feb. 3 — Blue Ball Fire Company.

For more information, contact Earl Newcomer, county Farm Bureau board member, at (717) 872-2646; or Jane Balmer, county Farm Bureau president, at (717) 653-5916.



Crop Management Association To Hold Luncheon

UNIVERSITY PARK, (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Crop Management Association will hold its eleventh annual luncheon January 31 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in State College. The state association and local member groups promote sound crop management practices in the commonwealth.

Farmer rights and responsibilities is the topic of this year's luncheon. Speakers will discuss specific laws and regulations influencing farm practices and identify Crop Management Association services available to enable members to meet compliance requirements. Speakers will also discuss farmer rights and ways the farming community can work to sustain rights.

Guest speakers include Dr. Marvin Risius, head of Penn State's agronomy department; Dr. Scott Harrison, Penn State pesticide education coordinator; Joel Myers, agronomist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service; Thomas Murphy, Lycoming County cooperative extension agent; Guy Temple, multicounty cooperative extension agent emeritus; Dr. Herbert Cole, Penn State professor of agricultural sciences; and Barry Frantz, One-Plan project coordinator.

Keynote speaker Sen. Roger Madigan will provide an overview of farmer responsibilities and rights. Madigan was a dairy farmer for 13 years and currently operates a 260 acre crop and certified tree farm near Towanda. Madigan serves as chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and vice-chairman of the Game and Fisheries Committee.

In 1984, Madigan was elected to the Pennsylvania Senate from the 23rd Senatorial District, which includes Bradford, Tioga, Lycoming, Sullivan, and Union counties. Since 1979, he has served as a Penn State agricultural trustee. Madigan was graduated from Penn State in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in dairy production.

Members of local Crop Management Associations and those interested in learning more about association programs are invited to attend the event. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. and adjourns at 2:45 p.m..

For more information or to register for the meeting, call (814) 863-1020.

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