



Chester County Holstein Tour

The Chester County Holstein Club will be taking their annual spring farm tour to Northampton County and Warren County, N.J., on Thursday, March 2.

The bus will leave from Dick Hostetter's farm on Rt. 30, Parkesburg, at 7:45 a.m., and is to return at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes the bus trip and dinner. Participants should pack a lunch for the trip. All dairy farmers and friends are welcome.

For reservations, call Jim Miller at (610) 935-8668; John St. John at (610) 869-8745; or John Hostetter at (610) 932-8664.

The tour features an outstanding collection of top Holstein herds.

The stops in Northampton County are at Keystone Farm and Klein Farm. The tour will continue across the Delaware River to Warren County, N.J., with stops at Bill Kerkendall's Farm, Gibbs-Quest Farm, and Tranquillity Farm.

Top bloodlines, excellent dairy type and production, and good sound management practices will be seen throughout the day.

Chemsweep

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has extended the deadline for Chester County farmers to request the disposal of unwanted, unusable, outdated, or cancelled pesticides until March 12.

This is the ideal solution to solving the problem of pesticide disposal. It is safe. It is free. There are no penalties for participating.

If you need a request form, contact Chester County Extension at (610) 696-3500.

Pesticide Education

The use of some pesticides in agriculture is essential, but the

practice is constantly under fire by suburban residents and environmentalists.

The key to the problem is for both sides — farmers and suburbia — to realize both the need for pesticides and the cautions that must be observed.

I constantly receive calls from neighbors of farming operations questioning how safe their water or environment is. I try to assure them that there are safeguards written concerning the use of all types of pesticides to protect them and the community.

However, this is only true if farmers and agri-businesses adhere to the rules. Here are a few ideas to make you, the farmer, a good neighbor in the community.

1. Properly dispose of chemicals and empty containers. Chemsweep will get rid of old pesticides. Material remaining in the sprayer at the end of a spray cycle should be sprayed on a field and not poured down a groundhog hole. Containers should be triple rinsed.

2. Don't spray too close to a neighbor's property line. Public relations-wise, a few weeds on the first corn row is better than killing your neighbor's rose bushes.

3. Don't spray too close to streams and ponds — protect the water supply.

4. Don't mix or spill chemicals near a wellhead. You could poison your own family.

5. Don't allow children or visitors access to chemicals. This includes milkhouse cleansers and acids that are deadly if ingested or even spilled on the skin in a concentrated form.

All of these points are included in a common sense approach to using pesticides and chemicals. Treat your neighbors to the same safety precautions you want for your own family.

Producers Sought For Growers' Markets

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Farmers looking for a new opportunity to retail their products this season are invited to attend an exploratory meeting about a new producer-only growers' market in Quarryville.

The meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 will be held in the Hoffman Community Building located at the Quarryville Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds are located along Route 472 in Quarryville.

Selling fresh produce and other farm products directly to consumers at a new market is a golden opportunity to either expand your existing sales, or get started in retail marketing. New growers' markets in some of our neighboring states have proven to be a wonderful bonanza to both new and existing farmers. The goal is

to create such a market here, where farmers will reap new financial benefits from their efforts.

This meeting will help set the direction of such a market. Farmers who raise fruits, vegetables, herbs, eggs, plants, honey or any other shelf-stable farm product, should attend. They will hear a brief overview of the opportunity and have ample time to discuss it. Details such as rules, products, and sale times will be covered.

This marketing effort is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA). If you would like additional information about the meeting, contact Leon Weber at (610) 683-1401.

Another growers' market is envisioned for West Chester. The West Chester Growers' Market exploratory meeting will be held

Pesticide Certification Credit Meetings

Two different educational meetings concerning the application of pesticides have been scheduled for Chester County.

The meetings are open to all interested, but should be of special interest to those required to obtain or maintain a pesticide applicator's permit under the law.

A Young Farmers meeting concerning pesticides has been set for 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Owen J. Roberts High School. Those who attend will earn one core and one category credit toward certification.

Another meeting has been set for 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, in Room 171 of the Chester

County Cooperative Extension Government Services Center, located at 601 Westtown Road, in West Chester. Attendance at this meeting can earn two core and two category credits.

For more information on the meetings, call the Chester County Cooperative Extension office at (610) 696-3500. For more information on the state pesticide applicator certification program, call the state Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, at (717) 787-4843. Or call one of the department's seven regional offices: Region I (814) 332-6890; Region II (717) 327-3550; Region III (717) 836-2181; Region IV (412) 443-1585; Region V (814) 946-7315; Region VI (717) 787-3400; Region VII (215) 489-1003.

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NAME	AGE	MILK	FAT	PRO	CHRIS & CHES STOLTZFUS				
LEON D. KURTZ					BESS	5-03	26,818	832	853
CHER	10-06	26,130	980	841	TIM & PHYLLIS BARLOW				
GERALD L. KULP SONS					SAL	5-02	26,404	1121	844
23 8	4-05	24,234	857	820	WALMOORE INC. #3				
SWAN BEST DAIRY					703	3-02	26,286	904	829
228	9-03	26,856	1013	852	JOY-WIL FARMS				
299	6-07	23,790	977	803	17	4-08	25,199	771	868
53	4-04	26,488	1021	861	44	3-05	25,212	824	851
MERLE J. KING					DAVID K. STOLTZFUS				
LOIS	6-05	25,504	912	806	19	6-06	26,211	758	809
LYDIA	3-11	31,807	1146	1078	DALE HOSTETTER				
SUGAR	4-00	25,840	990	892	LIFE SV	5-06	28,140	1110	802
LASSIE	3-05	25,552	994	829	MARK & MELODY STOLTZFUS				
WALMOORE, INC. #2					MILLY	4-06	29,783	939	940
234	6-03	25,086	938	842	PAUL MARTIN				
245	6-04	26,153	837	817	105	5-10	27,537	844	800
HAROLD & GLENN RANCK					EVERGREEN FARM				
MONICA	5-06	27,359	1087	877	49	5-01	25,003	660	801
DUNWOOD FARM					MELWOOD FARM				
CRISTA	6-11	25,860	1018	882	VIOLA	7-04	32,106	1383	1042
CARMEN	4-06	32,615	1267	1011	PEI-VALLEY FARM				
DREAM	4-05	31,205	1165	924	38	3-03	24,877	868	849
NINA	3-08	27,434	998	891	39	3-02	25,593	971	860
NATALIE	3-00	27,215	985	898					
JAMIE	2-10	27,003	1025	876					

ADC Locals To Meet

SOUTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.) — Two locals of the Atlantic Dairy Cooperative are to meet mid-February, according to recent news releases.

During most of the meetings, members who have qualified for the cooperative's quality milk bonus for 12 consecutive months receive recognition for their quality production.

Also, elections of officers, delegates and alternate delegates are usually held, if applicable.

Donegal, Lititz Locals

The Donegal and Lititz locals of ADC's District 7 is to hold its annual dinner meeting noon Feb. 14 at the Country Table Family Restaurant in Mount Joy. Robert Mcsparran, a Lancaster County dairy farmer and president of the cooperative is to be the guest speaker, and he is to report on cooperative business and dairy industry news.

Also during the meeting, elections are to be held for the local's officers, delegates and alternate delegates.

In addition, quality premium awards are to be presented to Paul S. Sauder, of Donegal, and John K. Peters & Son, of Manheim.

Cove-Bedford-Everett And New Enterprise

The Cove-Bedford-Everett and the New Enterprise locals of ADC's District 21 are to hold its

at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the West Chester Municipal Building at 401 E. Gay Street, West Chester.

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annual dinner meeting 7 p.m., Feb. 16, in the cafeteria of the Everett Area High School.

During this meeting, Henry U. Stoltzfus Jr., of Bedford, is to be presented with a 25-year membership award.

Bank Ag Seminar Held

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practices," Robinson said. "You give the message that there is a heritage to be passed on and it is valuable. You say you count on the future generation to keep going, to continue our heritage. You say no one is going to pull the rug out from under you to make a quick buck, because I trust you."

"Let's work hard to communicate our heritage to our children. Show them a proud heritage. Let them see by your actions how important preserving and conserving the farm and the heritage of farming is."

Moore said farm economic outlook for 1995 has more positives than negatives and he expects the economy to grow though not quite as much as in 1994. He said he did not expect a recession in 1995 because the strong economy gave consumers confidence so that they will buy the things farmers produce.

Globally, Moore cited several factors that favored agriculture. These include: the death of Communism in Eastern Europe, NAFTA and GATT, and the population explosion in countries where they cannot produce enough food. Nationally, real inflation is only 2.7 percent, the food supply is good, unemployment is down, and farmers are competitive.

On the negative side, perceived inflation, the cost of entitlements, and the lack of a clear national pol-

Quality premium awards are to be presented to Jan Cowan, of Neelyton; Ronald and Ruth Dibert, of Everett; Lon and Kathy Gates, of New Enterprise; R. Lynn and Julie Knepper, of Three Springs; and John Ritchey, of Everett.

ity were mentioned.

On the farm bill, Moore said he expected a cutback in payments to farmers, but in Pennsylvania this represents only one percent of farm income. He said the new farm bill will be much like the last one.

On production, he said farmers have become so productive it is scary. The corn crop was the best ever at 10.1 billion bushels, and soybeans came in at 2.56 billion bushels.

"No one ever dreamed of such production," Moore said. We didn't have to produce more acres. We produce more per acre."

Moore said lower feed costs would help the farmers producing milk and meat but would not be good for grain farmers. In summary, he expects a strong economy, good exports, and record meat production. He said corn production was not likely to reach the record 1994 year again until after the turn of the century. Net cash income is expected to be down four to six percent, but things are looking a little better for beef and hogs.

In other topics, Clemens covered "Maintaining a Strong Family Relationship in a Growing Business." And Myer talked about "Successful Farm Growth from Generation to Generation."

About 200 farmers attended the luncheon meeting in the Blue Ball Fire Hall.