


◆ FARM CALENDAR ◆



◆ FARM FORUM ◆

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Dauphin County Conservation District, Gratz Fairgrounds.

Sunday, April 16
Easter

Easter Ham and Chicken Dinner, Berks 4-H Center, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18

Ephrata Young Farmers Ladies Night Out, Cloister Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.

Grain Marketing Seminar, Pied Piper Restaurant, Trexlertown, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

Pennsylvania Poultry Federation Fund Raising Banquet, Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, social 5:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

Nutrient Management Advisory Board, Room 309, 2301 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Octoraro Watershed Association annual dinner meeting, Black Rock Retreat, Quarryville, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

Western Pennsylvania Pork Producers Club Feeder Pig Sale, Mercer County 4-H Park.

Friday, April 21

1995 Virginia Beef Expo, Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thursday, April 13
Dairy Council annual meeting, The Buck Hotel, Feasterville, 9 a.m.

Ohio Veal Convention, Akron Hilton Inn, Akron, Ohio, thru April 14.

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration, Fayette County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 15

Annual Consignment Auction,

Now Is The Time

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tive. As a society we need to maintain a strong and healthy agriculture.

Building houses in the middle of farms will eventually drive farmers off their land. Now is the time to become more active in public policy debate and formulating policies that will encourage the revitalization of existing urban areas, decrease the development of prime farmland, and respect farmers' rights in agricultural security areas and land zoned agriculture.

Feather Prof.'s Footnote: "Without challenge, there is no opportunity."

Editor:

Could you please print this, in the Lancaster Farming newspaper for me, in memory of my father, Joe Modica, Sr.

He was a dairy farmer for 60 years, and received your newspaper for many years.

When he retired, I know he kept on enjoying the paper, he waited faithfully on Saturday mornings for it!

I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks ever so much,

Linda M. Modica
Lititz

There was a man who walked this earth, medium in height, wide in girth. He was well known around his

Saturday, April 22

Second Annual Marico Llama and Alpaca Festival, Tolland Ag Center, Vernon, Conn., thru April 23.

Northeast Ratite Association Seminar, Best Western Inn, Matamoras, thru April 23.

Cumberland County Holstein Sale, David and Kathy Walton Farm, Carlisle.

Third Annual Arabian Horse Festival, York Fairgrounds, York, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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good friend, hard worker, sometimes clown!

He loved kids, loved to eat, loved to cook.

He enjoyed hearing laughter from all kinds of people.

He loved farming, tilling the ground, he loved his cows.

His eyes would twinkle, his belly could shake.

He could fill Santa's suit, he could handle a rake.

He could build things, and fix things, and always lend a hand.

He was always there for you, when you needed him, but never complained.

Of course, he was loved by his family, his wife, for 42 years, they shared a good life.

He was father, brother, Uncle, Grandpa, good sport.

His time in our presence, was much too short!

He taught lessons in living, in laughter, and love.

I know that he's watching from blue skies above.

His parting was sudden, unexpected, and sad,

but I'm proud I can say... Joe Modica was my Dad.

Editor:

This letter is for residents of Lancaster County and beyond who care about our communities' growth problems. I'm urging you to attend the meetings of old and

newly-formed citizens groups involved in these issues.

Growth can be controlled European-style where there are permanent boundaries between town and country. Lancaster County's prime farmland should not be destroyed for growth when it's economically feasible to build elsewhere. Laws that force townships to accept growth on prime farmland should be changed.

Our local governments have not always accomplished what citizens have requested, which is less urban sprawl and more farmland with the proper agricultural zoning. Our urban growth boundaries are temporary and farmland preservation programs involving deed restrictions are moving at a slow pace. Eventually, Lancaster County could resemble Philadelphia with a few remaining "farm parks."

We should preserve prime farmland which is a small area of land when compared to all the marginal, grazing and highly erodible farmland in the world. The amount of prime farmland destroyed for roads, factories, stores, houses, etc. in the U.S. is almost one million acres annually or almost 4 square miles per day. The U.S. population increases almost 3 million annually and the worldwide increase is almost 100 million annually, consequently world population will double by the year 2050. To feed additional populations we will need more prime farmland. Farming more marginal land will greatly increase the cost of food production.

Also, as the world's oil wells are being depleted with increasing exploration costs, farmland will be needed for crop-based fuels.

Don't leave a legacy of apathy for people 50 years from now. Attend meetings where citizens look for solutions.

Mr. Reuben W. Weaver III

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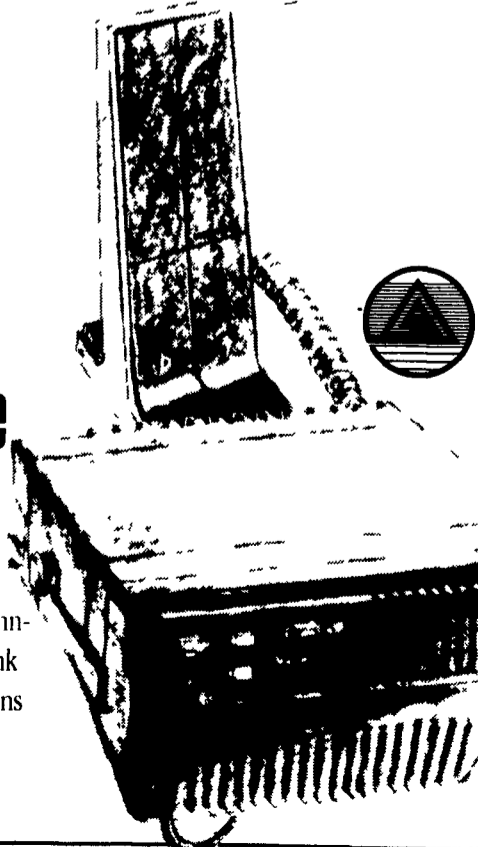
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National All-Jersey Names General Manager

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Mike Brown has been named assistant secretary and general manager of National All-Jersey Inc., (NAJ).

Brown had served as assistant general manager and executive assistant of NAJ since December of 1993. He will continue to oversee day-to-day operations of the milk marketing organization which has marketing programs in almost every state.

He will direct continuing efforts by NAJ to promote implementation of multiple component pricing in the federal order system. In addition, Brown will coordinate NAJ staff efforts to develop equitable markets for Jersey milk producers, and provide leadership in encouraging research and education in milk manufacturing and marketing.

Founded in 1957, National All-Jersey Inc. is the only organization in the world devoted to representing milk marketing concerns for owners of a single dairy breed.

Its mission is to increase the value of and demand for Jersey milk, and promote equity in milk pricing. NAJ is also a leading proponent of multiple component pricing.

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science, summa cum laude, from Virginia Tech, Blacksburg. He resides in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.