# Ag Students Prepare For Celebration

COLLEGE PARK, Md .--Every year, on the last Saturday in April, College of Agriculture students show that agriculture goes beyond farming and is a unique and growing part of the urbanoriented University of Maryland at College Park (UMCP).

The 70th anniversary of Agriculture Day at UMCP will take place on April 29, rain or shine, and will provide activities involving new dimensions of agriculture, as well as long-time favorites. The festive atmostphere will include a bug zoo, educational and computer displays, a 16-foot hydraulic flume, livestock fitting and showing, a petting zoo, food concessions, and live entertain-

"Many people will be surprised by the way in which agriculture touches their lives," said Dr. Marla McIntosh, acting associate dean of the College of Agriculture. "Ag Day will involve many active learning displays, entertaining events, and demonstrations that allow people to discover what's new and exciting in agriculture."

Some of those active learning displays are the Heart Smart Nutrition computer demonstration, which includes a diet assessment; a plant disease clinic where people can bring sick plants to have them diagnosed; an aquaculture system; ara a tour of the University's famous pilot processing plant to see ice cream made.

Student representatives from 12 clubs will be selling food, plants, T-shirts, and goldfish. The UM Calvary will raffle a riding lesson, sell golden horseshoes and calvary hats, and present a videotaped educational drill. The Institute of Applied Agriculture will have a putting green to show how fields of study like turf management affect recreation.

Most activities will take place in the livestock barns area and the Animal Science/AgEngineering Complex at the intersection of Regents Drive and Farm Drive. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and parking and admission are free.

Ag Day is sponsored each year by the Agriculture Student Council at UMCP, with cooperation from student organizations in the College of Agriculture. The council chose "Agriculture-Dreams of Tomorrow, Growing Today" as the theme for this year's Ag Day.

"The theme really reflects where agriculture is headed," said Allison Miller, president of Agriculture Student Council. "The future of agriculture is exploring

science and technology, and Ag Day is a way to learn about the industry while having something of interest for people of all ages.

Ag Day at Maryland has been an annual event since 1925. It is one of the oldest collegiate agriculture showcases in the nation.



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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.

Sheep and Wool Day, Springton Manor Farm, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 23

Northeast Ratite Association Seminar, Best Western Inn. Hunts Landing, Matamoras, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Central Jersey Sheep Demonstration Day, Concorde Stud Farm, Cream Ridge, N.J., 1 p.m.-5

Monday, April 24

Carroll County, Md. Quicken Workshop, Carroll Community College, 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m., also

May 1, May 8, and May 16. Pa. Grange Legislative Banquet, Sheraton Inn East, Harrisburg,

Tuesday, April 25 Delmarva Poultry Booster Ban-

quet, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md. Wednesday, April 26

Dairy On-Farm Problem Solving: The Process, A Satellite Conference, various Penn State extension locations, 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27

#### Friday, April 28

Penn State Poultry Science Club meeting and banquet, The Holiday Inn. State College, 6:30

Farm and Natural Lands Trust of York County annual breakfast, Wisehaven Hall, 7 a.m.

Saturday, April 29

Livestock Day, Montgomery County 4-H Center, Creamery, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Endless Mountains Maple Festi-

val, Alparon Park, Troy. Northwest Pa. Polled Hereford

Association Spring Show and Sale, Mercer 4-H Park, Mercer, show 2 p.m., sale 7 p.m. Sunday, April 30

Monday, May 1

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Thursday, May 4

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

Capitol Area Beekeeper's Association Eighth Annual Short Course, Dauphin County Ag and Natural Resources Center, Dauphin.

Goat Field Day, Rosemary K. Sprenkles' Troubled Acres Dairy Farm, York County, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Apple Blossom Festival, South Mountain Fairgrounds, Arendtsville, thru May 7.

#### Sunday, May

Pa. Association of Meat Processors Convention and Meat Product Competition, Scanticon Convention Center, Penn State, thru May 9.

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival First Annual Shepherd's Auction, 1 p.m.

# Farm Credit Sets Annual Meeting

MERCER (Mercer Co.) — Robert Hamilton, Jr., chairman of the PennWest board, has announced the dates for the 1995 annual meetings of PennWest Farm Credit, ACA.

The first meeting will be conducted at the Sheraton Inn North, Route 19 (Exit 25, I-79), Cranberry, on April 19. The second meeting will be conducted at the Ramada Inn, 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona (US 220, 1/2 mile south of the junction with Route 36) on April 20. Both meetings will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

PennWest Farm Credit President William J Hoffman will address the stockholders, sharing his vision of the future for PennWest. Representatives from the staff and the board of directors will present the 1994 year-end report.

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