

Farmers Must Use Small Tractors, Mowers Safely

UNIVERSITY PARK, (Centre Co.) — As spring temperatures encourage grass to grow, farmers and homeowners will be mowing lawns with small lawn and garden tractors or riding mowers.

Spending a few moments to check safety aspects can keep you and your family from harm, according to an expert in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Safe lawn and garden tractor operation begins before you start the equipment. "Reports of garden tractors overturning on their operators have been rising," said Sam Steel, senior research technologist in agricultural and biological engineering. "Many overturns and other types of garden tractor incidents stem from poor preparation.

"Check the turf area beforehand to remove any debris that may be thrown from under the mower's deck," Steel said. "Sticks, rocks or children's toys can be expelled at speeds approaching 200 miles per hour. Checking for hidden obsta-

cles in the grass may prevent a serious injury to bystanders."

An extra rider on the operator's lap or carried on a tractor fender or hood is an accident waiting to happen. "Small lawn and garden tractors have a seat for one person only," said Steel. "The operator must use this seat, so carrying extra riders is dangerous. A passenger might distract the operator or cause the tractor to tip and overturn."

A careful tractor inspection before mowing is just as important for garden tractors as it is for full-size farm tractors. "For instance, low tire air pressure can affect the steering and handling of the machine," Steel said.

"Make sure the wheels and mower deck are at the right height. An improperly adjusted mower deck will probably gouge your turf and make mowing unsafe. Loose bolts, missing pins and dull and nicked blades also are hazards."

Never use replacement parts that are not the correct size. "Using

incorrect mower blades is a common mistake and often results in damage to the underside of the deck and a blade that spins too close to the exit chute," said Steel. "Fingertip amputations are fairly common when people install a blade that is too long."

Never attempt to refuel a garden tractor when it is hot. "Gasoline spilled over a hot engine or muffler can result in a fire and serious burns," Steel said. "Always allow at least five minutes for the engine to cool before filling the tank, and

never refuel inside a closed building where fuel vapors can accumulate."

Steel offers these mowing guidelines for farmers and other small tractor operators:

- Fill fuel tanks outdoors.
- Disconnect spark plug wires before cleaning the mower deck.
- Use a dust mask when mowing during dry conditions.
- Wear protective shoes and clothing, including ear and eye protection.
- Never mow wet grass that will

clog the mower's exit chute.

•Keep bystanders, including children and pets, at a safe distance.

•Always start the tractor on level ground.

•When finished, perform routine mower maintenance immediately after the engine cools.

More information about farm and home safety is available from Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, 246 Agricultural Engineering Building, University Park, PA 16802.

Meeting To Examine Food Safety Regs

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — "Understanding and Reacting to the New Food Safety Regulations" will be the subject of a meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 26, at the Penn State University Berks Campus from 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

The meeting will review the

new USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Program regulations.

Speakers include William Smith, acting assistant deputy administrator with the inspectional management program, USDA/FSIS; Dr. William Henning, Penn

State meat specialist; and Tim Holden, state representative.

The new food safety regulations will have major impacts on the entire food industry, and processors will have to make changes to comply. For more information, contact Clyde Myers at the Berks extension office, (610) 378-1327.

Top Protein Cows, Pennsylvania DHIA For March

The highest protein producing herds in Pennsylvania above 750 lbs. for March are listed as follows:

LEWIS W BERKLEY	R D 3	BERLIN	3	69.0	86.3	23333	935	771
LOWELL J PEACHEY	HCR 61 BOX 611	MILLCREEK	B3	57.0	86.8	23983 *	794	771
JAMES HARTEIS	688 FRIENDLEA ROAD	EBENSBURG	3	89.7	90.5	24676 *	886	771
DAVE & DON STUTZMAN	R D 1	BERLIN	B3	98.6	91.0	23121	852	770
GARY & NANCY LYNCH	R D 1	FRIEDENS	3	82.9	90.5	22998	794	770
STEVE + JERI RITCHEY	R D BOX 926	MARTINSBURG	3	65.5	87.9	24112	950	770
SNOWCREST FARM	R D 1	MILAN	3	90.7	89.6	24137	799	770
EDWIN C OLSON	160 OLSON RD	STONEBORO	G3	33.4	89.3	24037	849	770
MICHAEL+CAROL WALKER	R D 1 BOX 414A	MEYERSDALE	B3	73.7	87.6	23938	838	770
ROBERT F HINDMAN	R D 3 405A	KITTANNING	G3	51.9	93.4	24660	923	770
GRANDVIEW FARM	R D 1 BOX 308P	HYNDMAN	B3	99.8	89.9	23643	863	769
GLENN B GOCKLEY	1926 BOWMANVILLE RD	MOHNTON	G3	53.5	87.7	23866	732	769
R GALEN LEATHERMAN	BOX 140 MEADOW LANE	OTTSVILLE	G3	37.3	87.3	24031 *	826	769
GERALD+JUDY WEIGLE	R D 2	FRIEDENS	G3	39.9	87.6	24525	826	769
LOCUST-ROW-FARM	R D 2 BOX 308	WINFIELD	B3	72.9	96.6	23660	958	768
ROLLING SPRING FARM	R D 3 BOX 178	FRANKLIN	3	63.8	91.4	23359	820	767
LEONARDGRACEBRUBAKER	7 WALNUT ST	RICHLAND	B3	63.8	86.9	23708	804	766
MARILYN+DUANEHERSHEY	R D 1	COCHRANVILLE	3	81.2	83.6	23738	837	765
RONALD L CHAPMAN	R D 2 WEST GREENE RD	WATERFORD	B3	40.6	88.7	24509	934	764
SHERRY IVANCIC	PO BOX 176	NEW WILMINGTON	3	28.7	90.0	22262	832	762
REESE RUN HOLSTEIN	10 LB DRY RUN RD	PINE CITY NY	B3	43.8	93.5	22648	810	762
LOCUST LANE FARM	R D 2 BOX 220	PETERSBURG	B3	148.4	86.9	23976 *	918	762
WAYNE HALLOWELL	1150 R D 2	GILBERTSVILLE	B3	62.1	90.8	22963	770	761
DON&KATHY CORNELIUS	255 AIRPORT RD	MERCER	B3	53.8	95.3	23050	868	760
GARY LENTZ	R D 6 BOX 995	LEBANON	3	82.2	87.4	23489	853	760
PEASE FARMS	R D 1 BOX 86	SUSQUEHANNA	3	67.3	91.4	23598	871	760
VALLEY VIEW FARM	RD 2 BOX 181	MCVEY TOWN	3	65.4	91.2	22448	857	759
BEN & DEAN JACKSON	R D 2	COLUMBIA CROSS RD	3	80.2	89.0	23780	894	759
STONE ACRES FARM	R D 1 BOX 152	BERLIN	B3	52.8	89.4	23709	786	759
THOMAS TRAVER	R D 3	MESHOPPEN	3	25.3	87.7	23365	875	759
PROMISE LAND DAIRY	147 SCOTT RD	PERKASIE	B3	71.4	89.8	22743	808	758
KEVIN & CINDY BISHOP	2730 HILLTOWN PIKE	PERKASIE	B3	68.1	90.2	23488	809	758
PAUL L COURTER	R R 3 BOX 433	MILL HALL	3	73.5	86.9	23580	852	758
HIDDENVIEW HOLSTEINS	1700 BROWNSVILLE RD	ROBESONIA	3	71.1	81.3	23001	819	757
EARL R HAFER & SONS	2391 LIMKILM RD	DOUGLASSVILLE	B3	204.0	86.1	23882	812	757
BLACKCREST FARMS	R D 3 BOX 398	ALTOONA	3	76.4	87.6	23633	853	757
GEORGE C STAHL	R D 3	SOMERSET	B3	69.5	86.3	23714	891	757
CONCORD RIDGE FARM	20281 HAMMOND RD	CORRY	B3	145.4	95.3	23530	888	756
TUSCARORA RUN HLSTNS	R D 2 BOX 2260	PORT ROYAL	3	63.9	88.9	23726	863	756
DICK-WAR FARMS	R D 1 BOX 222A	EMLENTON	B3	168.0	88.5	23608	784	756
EUGENE W HALL	R D 4	MUNCY	3	72.5	93.8	21507	865	755
VINCENT A WAGNER	641 S RAMONA RD	MYERSTOWN	3	65.9	84.0	23628	879	755
RALPH GILKINSON	13886 MACEDONIA RD	WATTSBURG	B3	39.6	91.6	23821	889	754
SPRINGCROFT FARM	R D 3	COLUMBIA CROSS RD	3	74.1	87.7	22915	875	753
ROSETREE ACRES FARM	R D 2	STOYSTOWN	3	49.3	86.8	22807	793	753
REU HEL FARMS INC	638 RAILROAD RD	MOHRVILLE	3	136.4	87.9	23363	868	753
PINETOP TAG&K BARRETT	R D 1 BOX 70	ATHENS	3	60.0	87.1	23475	806	753
MOSES O MARTIN	50 MOUNTAIN VIEW RD	MYERSTOWN	G3	86.1	87.0	23921	847	753
KARL MILLER	R D 2 BOX 2267	BANGOR	G3	69.8	85.7	23928	806	753
HICKS DAIRY FARM	R D 4	DU BOIS	B3	70.1	92.2	22937	752	752
DOUG-BARB MC CULLOH	12403 MT PLEASANT RD	MERCERSBURG	B3	114.8	90.3	22924	703	752
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EXCELSIOR FARM-FLECK	3620 EXCELSIOR RD	SCHNECKSVILLE	3	78.3	88.0	23943	841	752
PENN GATE FARM	3825 BALD PIKE	LITTLESTOWN	3	72.3	86.9	22183	886	751
BETHANY DAIRY FARM	R D 2 BOX 96B	WOMELSDORF	B3	46.4	85.1	23660	836	751
BUFF RUN FARM	R D 2 BOX 518	LEWISBURG	3	47.8	86.7	23239	925	751
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