

Summertime Is 4-H Time

When you go to a fair during the summer and see 4-H'ers showing, fitting, and caring for their dairy animals, you get the feeling that the next generation that will be farmers or agri-business people will do just fine. 4-H dairy members learn numerous skills, but maybe more important, they learn responsibility.

Their animals are dependent on them for feed, water, and comfort. Their success in the show ring, particularly in fitting and showing competition, is directly related to the time they have spent caring for their calf or cow.

Now, young people do not learn the skills needed overnight, and their development must be guided by parents and volunteer leaders. One of the most satisfying rewards of working with 4-H'ers for over 25 years is watching little boys and girls develop into confident, responsible teenagers.

My own sons were wide-eyed and a little lost when they showed for the first time at age 9. By the time they were in their mid-teens, they were sure of themselves and winning championships for the type of their animals and their fitting and showing skills.

I remember a 4-H leader taking my oldest son, David, aside after his first showing experience and giving some showing pointers and a pep talk. The next day, he won his class and was reserve junior champion with a junior calf. Incidentally, that calf became a 3E cow with two Excellent offspring.

4-H can be a strong force in the positive development of youth. And, it is definitely more than showing cattle. 4-H is a year-round activity with members participating in a variety of projects.

As I write this column, five Chester County 4-H members are judging dairy cattle at Penn State Achievement Days. To prepare for this competition, they had five practices with their volunteer coaches within the county and spent two days in Bradford County at the Pennsylvania Holstein Junior Judging School.

During the year, 4-H'ers learn leadership skills by conducting club meetings. They have to keep detailed records on their project animals for feed consumed, health records, breeding and calving dates, and income and expenses.

These are skills needed to operate a successful farm or business. Club meetings can be trips to

farms, vet clinics, etc., or speakers or videos on timely agricultural topics.

Let us not forget the word fun! All you have to see is a water fight at the wash rack at the fair, and you know the kids are having fun. There are Halloween parties, hay rides, swim parties, and family picnics. Yes, 4-H is a family activity which is even more important in an era when family values are being questioned.

Today's youth have many opportunities to participate in activities in church, school, and sports. But 4-H is a complete program with a huge array of choices that help young people

grow into responsible and productive citizens.

For more information, call Walter Wurster at (610) 696-3500 or the following 4-H club leaders:

Mildred Seeds, Chester Valley Dairy Club (Central Chester Co.), 610-269-0759.

Sharon Nolan, Manor Dairy Club (Southern Chester Co.), 610-469-3124.

James Wertz, Tri-Community Dairy Club (Northern Chester Co.), 610-933-4702.

Maggie Wertz, Chester Co. Kids Goat Club (Northern Chester Co.), 610-458-5724.

Joyce Bohmier, New London Goat Club (Southern Chester Co.), 610-869-2249.

Heat, Humidity Stressful

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approved only for the resistant strain.

However, producers using the more restricted fungicide can't apply it more than 30 days before harvest and most of the tobacco is expected to be harvested before

any treatment could do anyone any good.

Also, once the tobacco plant has reached the topping stage, Yocum said that experience has shown that blue mold seems to stop spreading within the plant.

Trust Sets Events

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — On Saturday Sept. 16, the Lancaster Farmland Trust (LFT) will sponsor its 4th annual picnic at Gene and Karen Garber's farm in West Donegal Township. Tickets are on sale now at LFT's office for the following prices: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 9 and under, and free for children 2 and under.

On Friday, Nov. 3, the Lancaster Farmland Trust will hold its annual dinner meeting at Willow

Valley's Palm Court. Festivities for the evening will include an auction, keynote speaker, door prizes and party favors.

Choose between stuffed boneless chicken breast with gravy or tender roast sirloin of beef au jus.

Tickets for these events can be purchased through the Lancaster Farmland Trust office. LFT accepts Visa and MasterCard, checks and cash. For tickets or further information, call (717) 293-0707.

Chester County DHIA-July 1995
Cows producing over 800 lbs. protein are:

Name	Breed	Age	Milk	Fat	Pro
Charles & Don Gable					
Kellie	A	9-09	22,597	939	819
Ken & Marilyn Umble #Pixie	H	6-06	25,901	841	819
Gerald L. Kulp Sons 99	H	6-08	26,679	881	834
8	H	5-00	26,879	937	864
252	H	4-05	27,452	839	830
Swan Best Dairy 67	H	4-00	25,479	893	831
Merle J. King					
Leona	H	9-05	29,734	837	865
Marble	H	3-06	31,842	938	957
Walmoore, Inc. #2 411	H	3-00	29,850	816	834
Dunwood Farm					
Stella	H	6-11	23,823	1129	814
Crystal-Ray Farm					
Jana	H	5-07	26,145	903	869
Orlone	H	4-03	24,544	1012	850
Frances	H	4-00	24,694	819	811
Reba	H	3-00	24,858	903	812
Ridge Star Farm 89	H	3-08	25,324	812	879
Herman Stoltzfus					
Clair	H	7-00	23,491	943	824
Chester Hills Farm 748	H	2-11	24,013	910	860
Thunder Valley Farm 28	H	5-09	22,996	802	803
Nicky	H	4-08	26,999	804	895
3	H	4-00	26,620	999	944
Wilkinson Farm #1					
2932	H	5-09	33,895	864	1032
3019	H	4-11	28,553	1001	881
9938	H	3-08	27,302	828	869
2674	H	6-02	25,469	782	834
Evergreen Farm 56	H	7-04	24,854	862	816
Richard L. Myers 289	H	4-04	25,243	901	836
Melwood Farm					
Jana	H	5-08	28,932	1026	919
Whitney	H	5-05	27,240	1045	857
Breck-A-De-Farm 2	H	7-11	26,910	859	865
Pei Valley Farm 7	H	6-01	26,015	751	902
36	H	4-04	23,534	810	800
70	H	3-10	26,078	801	836

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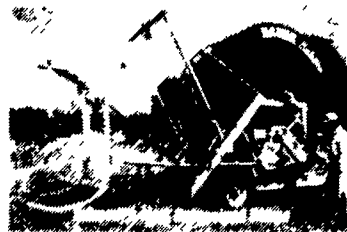
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65	2.5" x 920'	225'	SR100	75 TI	12,500	11,250
82	3.0" x 985'	250'	SR150	90 TI	17,500	15,750
100	3.7"x1150'	265'	SR150	110 TI	24,500	22,050
127	3.8"x1280'	275'	SR150	120 TI	27,600	24,840
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