

Goat Producer's Conference

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Managing the large dairy goat herd and finding profit in meat kids will be just two of the topics at the 1996 Spring Regional Dairy Goat Producer's Conference here at Penn State's Agriculture Sciences and Industry Building.

The conference is scheduled Saturday, March 30, from 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

In the morning, sessions include handling milkhouse waste, mastitis prevention and treatment, and learning to profit from buck kids. Also included are proper milking equipment and deciding on whether to join DHIA.

In the afternoon, sessions include what the American Dairy

Goat Association (ADGA) can do for the commercial dairy farmer, an overview of the milk market, managing the large herd, efficient, economic milk production, and an open forum for speaker questions and answers.

Scheduled to speak at the conference is Dr. Robert Herr, Narvon, who will provide his ideas on how to profit in meat kids. The session will include opportunities for expansion in the meat goat trade and the feasibility of a meat goat feedlot. Herr will use his experience as an operator of a meat goat feedlot to present various management techniques and the necessity for maintaining good records.

Patti Dean will offer tips on

managing the large herd. Patti and her husband, Dennis, own and operate Willow Run, Inc., a dairy goat facility located in the gently rolling farm country south of Dayton, Ohio. The Dean herd includes about 400 milking head.

Rene Deleeuw, herdsman for Coach Farm in upstate New York, and George Reddick, operator of Oak Knoll Dairy in Windsor, Vt., will also speak about their experiences in managing a large herd. Deleeuw milks 400-700 goats, depending on the season. Reddick, along with wife Karen Lindbo, operate a large dairy of exclusively LaMancha dairy goats. Annual production is 200,000 pounds and they use a TMR.

Judy and Larry Schad produce milk and market their cheese under the Capriole name. Judy will speak about efficient, economic milk production.

Allison Hooper, co-founder of Vermont Butter and Cheese, and Alan Toble, from BonGrain Cheese, USA, will provide an overview of the milk market. Hooper is co-founder of Vermont Butter and Cheese with partner Robert Reese. Toble has served BonGrain Cheese, USA in a varie-

ty of operational and administrative capacities.

The conference, sponsored by the American Dairy Goat Production Association (ADGPA), costs \$25 per individual, with \$15 each additional registration from the same farm. A registration form is included in this issue. A boxed lunch is available for \$5.

For more information, call Laura Jacobs-Welch, (414) 728-1633 or Danny Harter, (814) 383-4310.

Maryland Holstein

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Newly elected officers of the Maryland Junior Holstein Association are, from the left, standing, Mark Lager, president, Jeff Sutton, vice president, and Jason Watt, historian. From the left, seated, are Stephanie Wolf, secretary/treasurer, and Dee Guyton, reporter.



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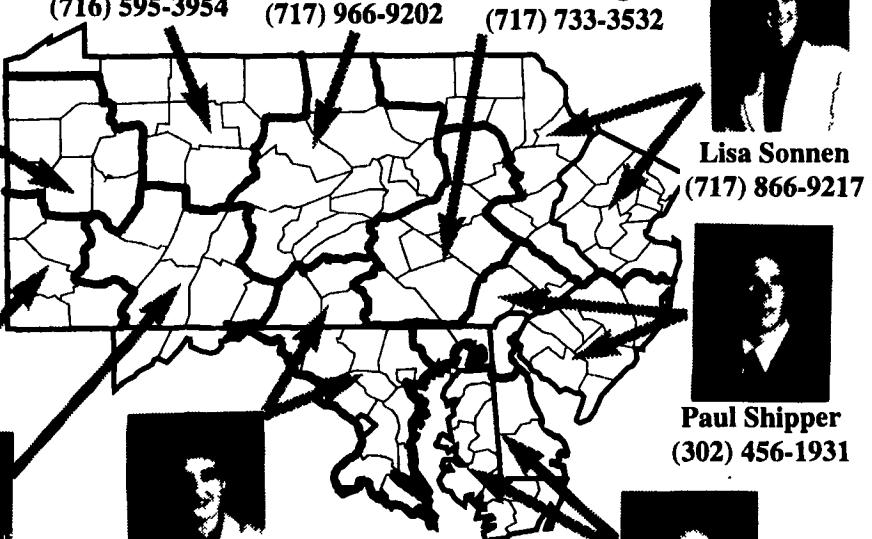
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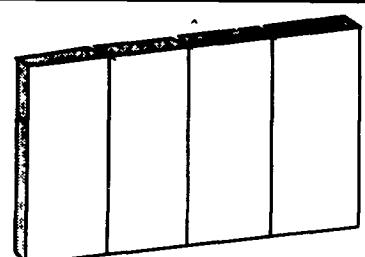
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