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University Of Pennsylvania Dedicates Greenhouse Dairy Barn



From the left, Mrs. and Dr. Robert Marshak stand with Dr. and Mrs. Alan Kelly at the entrance of University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine's new greenhouse-style dairy research barn. Kelly is currently dean of the vet school, while Marshak is dean emeritus and for whom the new research facility is named.

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NEW BOLTON (Chester Co.) — Dr. Robert Marshak, dean emeritus of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, was honored by the university, school and supporters and friends of the organization last Friday during a dedication of a greenhouse-style 200-cow dairy

research barn at the school's Center for Animal Health and Productivity in New Bolton.

The dairy research facility had originally been named the Allam Dairy Facility, in honor of Dr. Mark Allam, who participated in Friday's ceremonies and spoke generously about Marshak, as did current dean Dr. Alan Kelly, espe-

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Md. Dairy Task Force Airs Recommendations

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FREDERICK, Md. — Members of the Maryland Dairy Task Force held a public meeting Monday in historic Frederick to announce, and gather comments on, a set of draft recommendations that would seek to maintain and help strengthen the dairy industry in the state.

Most of the 35 to 40 (attendance changed over time) people in the audience were either connected to the Task Force committee or had an interest in the stability of the dairy industry, such as milk processors and a few milk producers.

The delivery of a series of five separate draft proposals was done by different members of the Task

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Animal Housing Expo At Lebanon Grounds Oct. 29-30

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Designing and constructing animal housing facilities is a major financial commitment. It is something that many farmers will do only once or twice in their farming career. This means it should be done right the first time.

Farmers who are considering remodeling or building new livestock or poultry facilities can learn more by attending the Animal Housing Expo, Oct. 29-30 at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and ad-

mission is free.

The event, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and agribusinesses, features commercial exhibits, speakers, educational demonstrations and displays that focus on building design and construction, building materials, building permits, animal care and comfort, nutrient management, odor control and other animal housing issues.

"The building and remodeling decisions farmers make today will

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260 Registered For National Poultry Symposium

Worker Health Should Involve More Than Using A Mask

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — There are ways to improve the occupational health of poultry growers. But those ways involve more than just "putting the dust mask on," said a noted national poultry veterinarian.

The keys are to know what the environment is inside the buildings and create a healthy environment for both the birds and people who

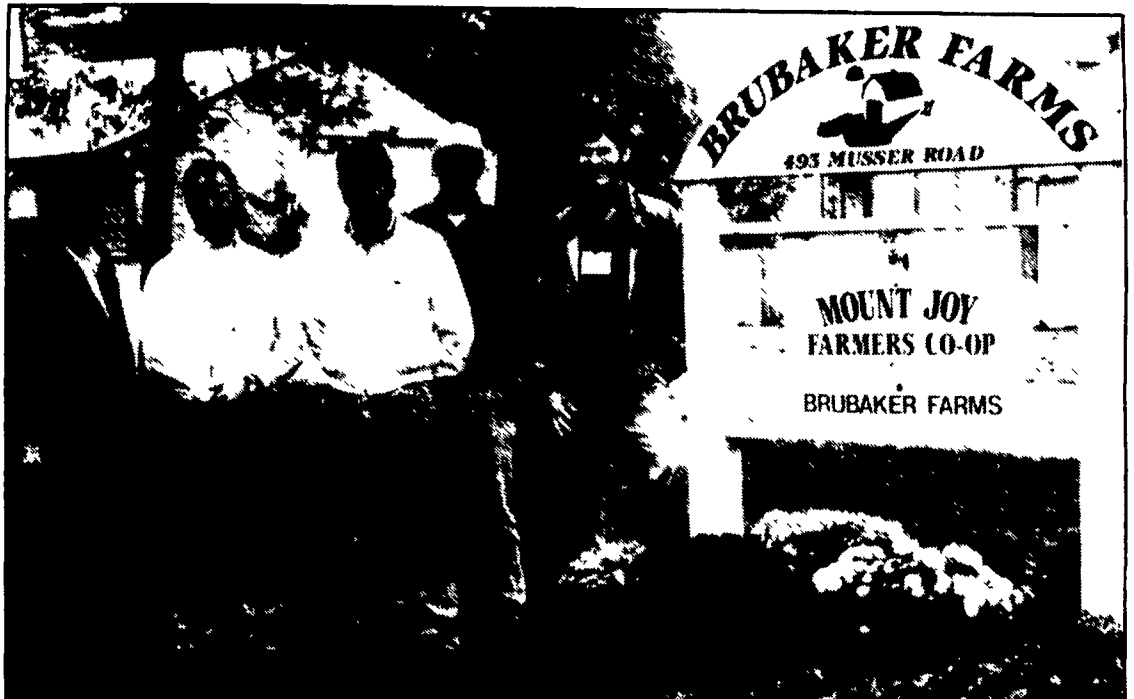
work there, according to Dr. Kelley J. Donham, professor at the Institute of Agricultural Medicine and Occupational Health at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Donham spoke to more than 200 poultry producers and agribusiness industry representatives Monday morning during the emerging environmental issues segment of the National Poultry Waste Management Symposium at the Marriott-Harrisburg Hotel.

Donham focused on the challenges to the health of growers posed by confinement buildings in general. Studies indicate that so many poultry house managers use dust masks and respirators without considering the overall environment of the birds.

Donham asked the growers and industry managers registered for the three-day conference to imagine being a grower in Georgia on an August day when the outside temperature is 104 degrees with 90 percent humidity. There can be

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At the farm operated by Luke, Mike, and Tony Brubaker in Mount Joy, two poultry houses contain a total of 48,000 broilers under contract with Tyson. In addition, there are 450 milking cows and 1,200 hogs. The farm was part of the poultry symposium tour. From left, John Schwartz, Lancaster County extension director; Mike Brubaker; Luke Brubaker; Tony Brubaker; and Paul Patterson, Penn State poultry professor.

Set Clocks Back Tonight

The time of year to change from Daylight Saving Time back to standard time has come. The official time is 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, Oct. 27. For that extra hour of sleep, turn the clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Feeding and milking schedules should be changed gradually over several days for best care of the farm animals.