

Pork Expo Feb. 12

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The nineteenth annual Keystone Pork Expo is scheduled Feb. 12 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in North Cornwall.

This year's meeting will feature a trade show with 43 exhibits, and educational seminars for producers. The Expo will once again sponsor a "Pork Bowl" contest and public speaking competition for FFA and 4-H members.

Dr. Ralph Vinson, a nationally recognized swine veterinarian from the Oneida, Ill., will speak on PRRS and other swine health issues. Vinson is known for his long-running column, "Hog Health," which is published monthly in Hogs Today.

Judy McDonnell, director of the Pork Quality Assurance Marketing Program at the National Pork Producers Council, will comment on the needs for pork quality assurance.

Lou Moore, Penn State professor of agricultural economics and

continuing Pork Expo favorite, will be on hand to deliver his hog market outlook.

At 1:30 p.m., results of the sixth annual Legislative Activity Fund Auction will be announced. This year, all items will be sold by silent auction.

Following is the Pork Expo program:

1997 KEYSTONE PORK EXPO EXHIBITORS

Acme Engineering and Manufacturing Co
Aerotech, Inc
Ag Pak
Agway, Inc
Animal Medic
Arnold Hog Farm
Boehinger Ingelheim
Automatic Farm Systems
Binkley & Hurst Brothers
Commercial Concepts
Dekalb Swine Breeders
Dyna-Tech Industries
Farm Credit of PA
Farmer Boy Ag, Inc
Furst McNeess Company
Grand Valley Fortifiers
Hatfield Quality Meats
Ikaden Systems USA
Key Aid Distributors
L B White Company
Loveland Industries
Master Mix Feeds

OF SPECIAL NOTE FOR THIS YEAR...

- * Free registration
- * A Legislative Activity Auction will be held again this year. Unlike previous years, the entire auction will be silent so that everyone will have a chance to enter a bid. Have your silent bids submitted by 1:00 pm.

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Meadow Creek Welding
Merck & Co
Nationwide Insurance - Agri Business Division
PACMA, Inc
Pig Improvement Company
Pfizer Animal Health, Inc
Progressive Pressure Systems
Purina Mills, Inc
Raytec Manufacturing
Reinecker Ag Products
Scheering-Plough Animal Health
Schick Enterprises
Solvay Animal Health
South Mountain Swine Genetics
Staco
Tech Mix, Inc
Tri-County Confinement Systems, Inc
Pharmacia and Upjohn Co
Vigortone Ag Products
Wayne Feeds - Continental Grain Company
White Oak Mills

PRODUCERS PROGRAM

TRADE SHOW
North Hall

8:00 am Registration Doors Open to Trade Show

MORNING SEMINARS
West Hall

Presiding - Ken Kephart

9:50 am Welcome
Ken Kephart

10:00 am Market Outlook
Lou Moore

10:50 am Why Our Industry Needs PQA
Judy McDonnell

11:10 am PRRS and Other Herd Health Pitfalls
Ralph Vinson

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY FUND AUCTION

West Hall

Presiding
John Reininger and John Wagner

1:00 pm Silent Bidding Closes

1:30 pm Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

JR. PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Lebanon County Extension Office

Presiding - Bruce Lemmon

9:30 am Ages 16-19
Ages 12-15

12:30 pm Ages 8-11

KEYSTONE PORK BOWL

Sponsored by Hatfield Quality Meats
Lebanon County Extension Office

Presiding - Linda Spahr

9:30 am Preliminary Eliminations

2:00 pm Final Eliminations

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Kenneth Kephart Assoc. Professor of Animal Science
Pennsylvania State University

Bruce Lemmon Chairperson
Junior Public Speaking Contest
Carlisle, PA

Judy McDonnell, Director
Pork Quality Assurance Marketing
National Pork Producers Council
Des Moines, IA

H. Louis Moore Professor of Agricultural Economics
Pennsylvania State University

John Reininger Co chair
Legislative Activity Auction
Hatfield, PA

Linda Spahr Chairperson
Keystone Pork Bowl
Lewisberry, PA

Ralph Vinson DVM
Oneida, Ill.

John Wagner Co chair
Legislative Activity Auction
Hazleton, PA

Syracuse Dairy Farmers Hold Annual Meeting

JORDAN, N.Y. — Syracuse Dairy Farmers Cooperative recently held their annual meeting at Jack's Reef Hotel.

Bill Byrne, President of Byrne Dairy, Syracuse, NY, was a guest at the meeting. In his remarks, Byrne emphasized the good relationship between Byrne Dairy and Syracuse Dairy Farmers. He discussed the continuing growth of Byrne Dairy and their expanding markets. He also gave his perspective on the dairy industry and markets for the coming months.

James Patsof of United Ag Services, Seneca Falls, NY, presented a check for \$50 and a certificate to Jonalpa Farms, Baldwinsville, NY, for being the top quality pro-

ducer in Syracuse Dairy Farmers Cooperative for 1996. United recognizes the top quality producers in each of their member cooperatives every year. Patsof also discussed market conditions and what dairy farmers can expect in the coming year. The year 1996 has been a very unusual one with slightly better milk prices than 1995. However, increases in milk prices were more than offset by high grain prices.

Officers elected for 1997 were Stephen Crego, Baldwinsville, NY, President; Duane Eibart, Marcellus, NY, Vice President; and Mary Crego, Memphis, NY, Secretary-Treasurer.

After the election of officers, the last order of business was the distribution of patronage dividend checks by Mary Crego. Syracuse Dairy Farmers Cooperative has consistently paid their members a patronage dividend each year.

Syracuse Dairy Farmers Cooperative is a member of United Ag Services, a membership cooperative that provides marketing, management, quality control, accounting, and payroll services for small to medium sized agricultural organizations and individual farmers in New York and Pennsylvania. They can be reached at 1-800-326-4251 or (315) 568-2750.

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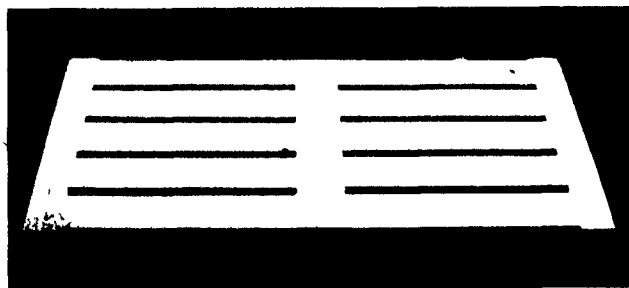
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