

Beef Management Short Course Offered

If you have beef, just getting started in the beef business, or are interested in learning more about them, this course will help you. On consecutive Thursday evenings, you will learn the basics of beef husbandry through a combination of lectures, panel discussions, farm visits, on-foot, on-rail evaluation and hands-on learning experiences. They will be held on Thursday evenings, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 22 and 24. All classes except April 10, 22 and 24 will be held at the Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA. April 10th will be at the beef farms listed, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.; April 22 at Leesport Farmer's Market; April 24 at Peters Bros. Meats, Lenhartsville.

The class dates and topics are as follows:

• March 13 - The Beef Industry, Breeds, General Management, Records of Evaluation of Animal and Business.

- March 20 - Health and Diseases, Equipment and Prevention
- March 27 - Reproduction, AI and Sire Section
- April 3 - Nutrition, Forage Selection, Pasture
- April 10 - Field Trip: Mike Firestine Farm and Clair Zimmerman Farm
- April 17 - Tax Considerations, Marketing, Producer Panel
- April 22 and 24 - On-Foot and On-Rail Animal Evaluation

Cost of the program is \$30/person; \$40/couple, which includes printed materials, demonstration costs and refreshments. Reservations can be made by calling the Berks County Cooperative Extension Office at (610) 378-1327 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Clyde Myers at Penn State Cooperative Extension-Berks County, Berks County Ag Center, P.O. Box 520, Leesport, PA 19533. (Telephone 610-378-

1327).

The program participants include:

- Dr. Stephen Foulke, DVM, Agricultural Veterinary Associates
- Mike Fournier, Penn State Extension Agent - Bucks County

- Sheila Miller, Cow/Calf Farmer - Bethel
- Brian Mohn, Cow/Calf Finisher - Strausstown
- Clyde Myers, Penn State Extension Agent - Berks County
- Bill Palmer, Fishisher - Shartlesville

- Bob Stratton, Genex Area Manager
 - Duane Stevenson, Multi-County Penn State Extension Agent - Farm Management
- Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity university.

Performance Bull Sale Set

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Final preparations are being made for the 24th Annual Performance Tested Bull Sale of The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center and the 8th Annual Beef Expo. The PA Beef Expo is scheduled for March 27-29, 1997 at the Ag Arena on the University Park campus of Penn State.

The 1997 Eastern Cattleman's Symposium will be held on Thursday, March 27 beginning at 8:00 a.m., at Toftrees Resort Hotel near

State College. The Pennsylvania Cattleman's Association annual banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., that evening at Toftrees.

The Bull Sale will be held on Friday beginning at 10:30 a.m. In previous years, the sale started at noon. The Bull Sale will be immediately followed by the State Angus Sale, Polled Hereford Sale, and Simmental Sale. Pennsylvania's Junior Beef Skill-A Thon will follow the conclusion of the Simmental Sale.

Saturday, March 29, will be

Junior Show Day, with the Junior Heifer Show beginning at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Junior Steer Show.

PA's Performance Tested Bull Sale promises to be an exciting event this year with an outstanding group of bulls currently on test. This group includes 36 Angus bulls, 19 Polled Herefords, 13 Simmentals, 4 Shorthorns, 2 Charolais and 1 Buellingo.

For more information about the Bull Sale and the Beef Expo, contact Glenn Eberly, 651 Fox Hollow Rd., State College, PA 16803, phone (814) 238-2527, or phone/fax (814) 865-5857.

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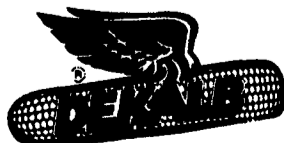
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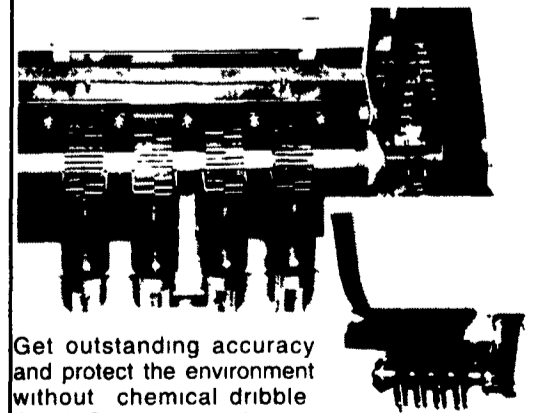
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