

Crops Program

Dairy Program

9:50 a.m. - Introduction

10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. "Yield Monitors --Are They Right for You?"
Lynn Hoffman, Penn State

10:40 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. "Transgenic Crops Do They Work, Do They Pay and What's Still To Come?"
Dennis Calvin, Penn State

11:20 a.m. - noon "Drought Control" Compaction, Tillage and Residue.
Lynn Hoffman, Penn State

10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. "Milk Prices Trends and Issues and Federal Order Reform"
Robert Yonkers, Penn State

10:40 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. "First on the Scene--Farm Safety"
Bill Messersmith, Lycoming Extension

11:20 a.m. - noon "Milk Futures - Should You Be Forward Contracting?"
Robert Yonkers, Penn State

12:00 - 1:15 Full Hot Lunch: \$6.00

Visit Exhibitors

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Five Acre Corn Awards

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. High Oil, Brown Midrib and Silage Variety Corn--Are they worth growing? What's in the future? Plus review of '97 crop year
Greg Roth, Penn State

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 1997 Crops Day - Results, Value, '98 Plans
Ralph Devillers, Pioneer Seeds / Tom Murphy, Lycoming Extension

Lycoming Crops, Dairy Day Set

PICTURE ROCKS (Lycoming Co.) — The Lycoming Crops and Dairy Day is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 23, at the Picture Rocks Fire Company from 9:50 a.m.-3 p.m.

During the winter months, it is important to step aside from some of the busy tasks that take time on a farm and attend a meeting to update your skills for the future. Profitability is the key to success and it can be achieved by staying current with the newest technologies.

This year's Crops Day is intended to offer insights on many of these technologies and the practicality of adapting them to your operation.

The crops segment of the program includes yield monitoring technology, transgenic crops, and information on "drought control" compaction, tillage, and residue. The dairy segment includes information on milk price trends and issues, farm safety, and milk futures.

A corn specialist will examine the use of high oil, brown midrib, and silage variety corn.

A hot lunch will be served for \$6 per person. For more information, contact the Lycoming County extension office at (717) 327-2350.

LYCOMING COUNTY CROP AND DAIRY DAY: FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1998

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Lunch - \$6.00 Amount Paid \$ _____
Registration Deadline: Friday, January 16, 1998

Please make checks payable to: Lycoming County Extension
and mail to: Room 409, Courthouse
48 West Third Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

Flock Has A.I.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. announced Wednesday that a flock of 121,400 laying hens in Lancaster County has been found to have the H7N2 avian influenza virus.

This is in the vicinity of a flock previously identified with the virus. A site quarantine has been imposed.

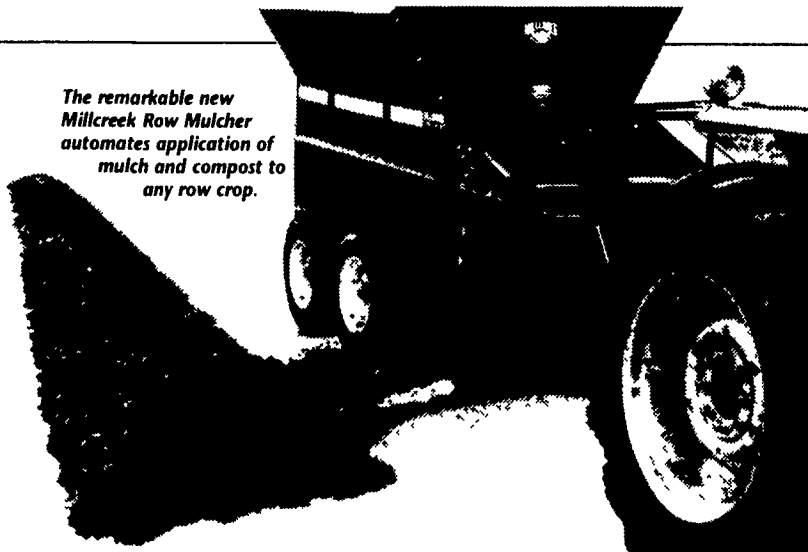
"We believe this is an isolated case. The flock will not be destroyed but will be used for study purposes," Hayes said. "We continue to stress the need for very strict biosecurity throughout the poultry industry."

One turkey flock was identified with the virus on Dec. 17. The recent incidences have been discovered through intensive testing and the cooperative efforts of the Agriculture Department and the poultry industry.

In June, Gov. Tom Ridge signed legislation to appropriate \$5 million for Lancaster and Lebanon county poultry producers affected by the outbreak which began last December. Through mid-July, 16 cases had been identified, affecting a total of 1.8 million laying hens.

The H7N2 virus has never been found in humans. All poultry need

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We have closed our receiving locations until Monday, January 5th, 1998. At that time, we will resume receiving contracted tobacco. All contracted tobacco must be delivered by Monday, January 12th, 1998.

This tobacco should be graded into 3 grades. (Tips, Middles, and Bottoms). Any green leaves, damaged, diseased, or shed burnt leaves should be picked out to be baled separately into outgrade bales. There are no exceptions!

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2. Marvin Zook Farm
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January 23, 1998 12:30 p.m.

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- Call Advanced Agronomics @ (717) 486-4075 with questions.