

Lancaster Holstein Tour Set

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Holstein Club annual tour will be March 10, 1998 to Franklin and Adams Counties. We will be departing from the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster at 7:45 a.m., and arriving back after the tour at 5:00 p.m.

The five farms to be visited are:

- Rice-Crest Farm, owned by Dale and Fred Rice, and home of the families of Rice-Crest Marty and Rice-Crest Tesk Terry. The bulls are out of EX and EX93 dams. There are eight full sister by Luke out of Terry's family which average 85 points. Also a Bellwood daughter out of Marty's family.

- Rick Wadel family operation. They milk 125 cows with a RHA of 23,600 of milk, and they do ET work with several bulls in AI.

- Antrim-Spring Farm of Rodney and Roger Crider. They milk 70 cows in a tie stall barn with a RHA of 18,500 of milk. The raise bulls to service age and grow all their own forages. Their current service sires are Milan, Rudolph, Merrick, Encove, and Lindy.

- Penn-Gate Farm of Steve and Chris Wood. They milk 70 cows in a tie stall barn. They were awarded honorable-mention All-American best three females. They are currently milking daughters of Jed, Skychief, and Stardust.

- Bo-Joy Farms of John and Bonnie Hess. Five of their children are involved in the partnership. They milk 450 cows, of which 60 percent are registered. They also have a herd of 30 Brown Swiss and farm 900 acres of tillable ground.

The cost of the trip is \$10.00 for reservations made by March 2, and \$12.00 for those made after this date. Bring your own packed lunch. Reservations can be made by calling Dave Wenger at (717) 653-1350.

Berks Co. Holstein Club Tour Saturday, March 7, 1998

FLEETWOOD (Berks Co.) — Bus departs from the Fleetwood Grange at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, March 7. An additional stop will be made at the Bethel Community Library at 8 a.m. (please park in the rear of the building). Beverages will be provided, courtesy of Clover Farms Dairy. Please bring a bag lunch; supper will be sponsored by Star Silo and Mark Wicks Breeding Service. Approximate return time to Bethel 9 p.m.

Please send number of reservations and check made payable to: "Berks Co. Holstein Club." Price per person \$28. Reply to: Dennis Sattazahn, RD1 Box 156, Womelsdorf, PA 19567 (610) 589-2310. Reservation deadline: Sat., February 21.

Windsor Manor Farm: Jason Myers and Family, Windsor, Md., 85 cows with herd average of 23,000 lbs. and 840 fat. BAA of 107.5. Cows are milked in a unique flat barn type parlor. Jason is current president of the Maryland State Holstein Assoc.

Glen-Toctin Farm: William Allen and Sons, Mike, James and Bill (PHA), 150 cows with herd average of 21,000 3.8% 790 3.2% 670 BAA 105.2 PBR winner. They have numerous bulls in studs — Slocum and Jumpshot at Sire Power and Johnson at CRI: GT at Select Sires.

Savage Leigh Farm: Wayne and Cindee Savage & Family, Knoxville, Md. Herd averages 25,132 + 3% 1097 3.3 832P 23 EX and

numerous Very Goods BAA 107.5. A total of 6 All-Americans and Junior All-Americans.

Cold Springs Farm: Marlin Hoff and Family (former national director). They are currently milking over 600 head in a double 20 parallel parlor. Herd average is approximately 24,000 lb. and BAA of 105. They farm 2,000 acres with 1,100 acres in corn, 250 acres in barley and 200 acres in hay. There are also several bulls on the farm that they are currently proving.



Dairy Stakeholders Video Now Available

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) With dairying the largest segment of Pennsylvania's agricultural economy, its impact on local communities is significant.

To demonstrate the important contribution the dairy industry is making, the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders has produced a nine-minute video, "Milk: It Does An Economy Good!"

Targeted for non-agricultural audiences, the video may be useful in starting a productive dialog with community leaders about the importance of the dairy industry, according to Philip Kimmel, president of the Stakeholders.

"The video brings an important message to business leaders, county commissioners, legislators, township supervisors, economic development councils, and other decision makers," Kimmel said.

It is available now for persons and organizations interested in delivering this important economic message.

Many rural communities rely heavily on their local dairy producers for economic stability. With rapid changes taking place in the dairy industry, including the loss of some dairy farms, it is important for dairying's economic importance to be understood.

A recent study by The Pennsylvania State University's College of Agricultural Sciences demonstrates that a two-percent change in dairy output represents 570 jobs internally and externally to the industry.

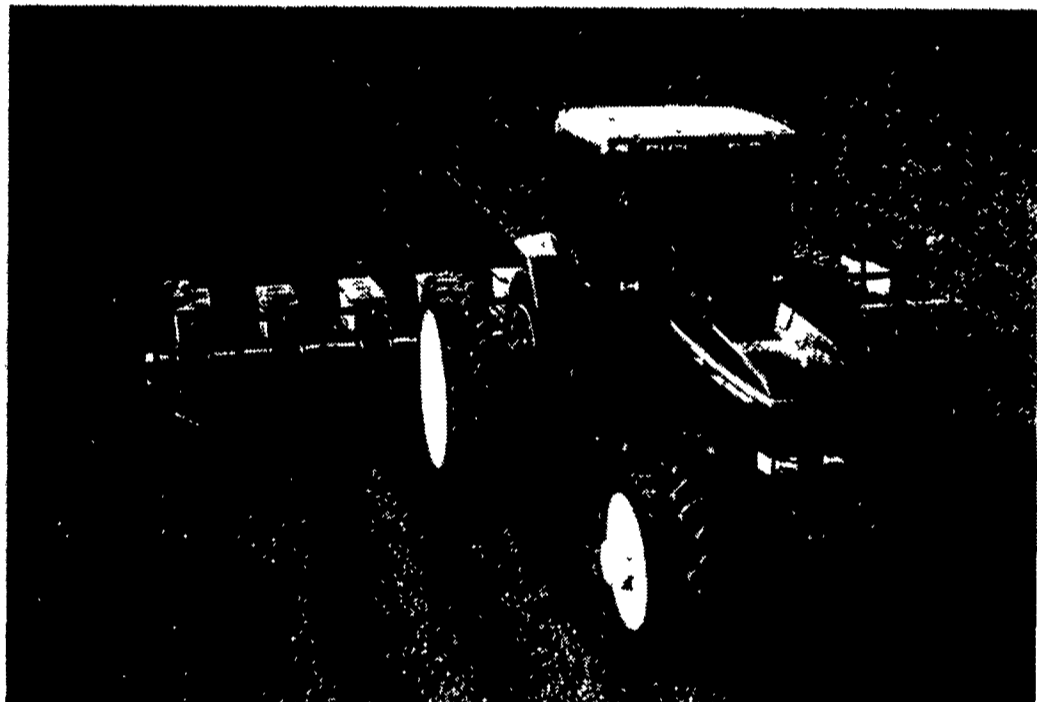
Kimmel said, "Given the proper business climate, the dairy industry in Pennsylvania can reverse its current declining trend and grow. A growing dairy industry results in more jobs for all Pennsylvanians and the preservation of agriculture's contribution to our rural communities and to all of Pennsylvania."

Dairying represents 40 percent of the state's farm income, and Pennsylvania is a national leader in dairy food processing and distribution.

Production and distribution of the video was made possible by contributions from the dairy industry and with the support of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences.

Copies of the video are available through the Pennsylvania Dairy Stakeholders, who represent all segments of the dairy industry, from producers to consumers.

For additional information, contact N. Alan Bair, director of Dairy Industry Relations, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057, or by calling 717-948-6328.



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