

# FARM CALENDAR

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p.m.  
York Landowners Meeting, Kennard Dale High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 17**  
Sheep Shearing School, Westminster, Md.

**Saturday, April 18**  
Maryland Jersey Association All-Breed Calf Sale, Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, Md., noon.

Pennsylvania Pleasure Walking Horse Association Spring Clinic, Fox Field Farm, Reinholds.  
Northeast Highland Cattle Association N.Y./Penn Sale, Empire Livestock, Bath, N.Y., noon.  
Mid-Maryland Black and White Sale, Middletown Fire Com-

pany Carnival Grounds, Middletown, Md., 2 p.m.

Meat Goat Production Conference, McHenry, Md., 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Identifying Trees Course, Leonard Harrison State Park, Wellsboro, 10 a.m.

2d Annual Eastern Alpaca Jubilee, Sussex County Fairgrounds, Augusta, N.J., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., thru April 19.

**Sunday, April 19**  
**Monday, April 20**  
4-H Capitol Days, Harrisburg, thru April 21.

Elk Creeks Watershed Association presents "New And Innovative Techniques In Conservation Design Storm Water Management," Elk Township Building,

Lewisville, 7:15 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 21**  
Dairy Calf Raising Satellite Program, York Pleasant Acres Complex, also at various extension sites, also April 28.

Dairy Farmers Of America Info Meeting On Fed. Order II, Ramada Inn, Watertown, N.Y., 1 p.m.

Dairy Farmers Of America Info Meeting On Fed. Order II, Ag Center, Cooperative Extension Office, Morrisville, N.Y., 7:30 p.m.

Basic Livestock Evaluation, Berks County Agricultural Center, 7:30 p.m.

Lancaster County Honey Producers meeting, Lancaster County Park Conservation Center, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 22**  
Pa. Poultry Federation Annual Fund-Raising Banquet, Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, 7 p.m.

Environmental Fund For Pa. Earth Day Field Trip Of Lancaster County, Lancaster County Environmental Center, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 23**  
Dairy Farmers Of America Info Meeting On Fed. Order II, Sunset West Restaurant, Pleasant Gap, 1 p.m.

Dairy Farmers Of America Info Meeting On Fed. Order II, Guthrie Inn, Sayre, 7:30 p.m.  
Managing Beef On Pasture, Lawrenceville Township Building, Lawrenceville, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Friday, April 24**  
Delmarva Horse Owners meeting, Modern Maturity Center, Dover, Del., 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 25**  
Sheep and Wool Day, Springton

Manor Farm, Downingtown, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Farm Plow and Field Day, Miller Farm, Dover, Del., 10 a.m.

Penn State/PDA Chem Sweep, Lebanon Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 26**

# FARM FORUM

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the equipment that we already have.

Financial planning for farms of any size is next to impossible because of the uncertainty of the price of milk.

The average age of a dairy farmer today is 58 years old. They have raised their children on farms that have been in their family for generations. Parents hope to pass their farms on to their children. It is not happening. Their children see the love and care their parents put into their farms, but also see the hardships that they have encountered. They end up getting off the farm jobs, leaving no one to take over the farm.

Small farms spread throughout the state are better for the environment than large farms that have a high concentration of animals.

Expansion is a never ending rat race because of the huge cost involved and milk prices that are too low to produce enough acreage to support expansion.

The American agricultural system is the best in the world,

but I have seen a noticeable decline and decay in agriculture in recent years. I have witnessed the indifference of the government and a willingness to allow our nation to become dependent on foreign food. A safe and abundant food supply is not something to be gambled with in order to save a few cents.

That is why the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact is needed to set a reasonable price on class I milk which would stabilize the overall price of milk. I urge you to write or call your Pennsylvania state Senator, and ask them to support the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact or Senate Bill No. 170. This is only a short term solution. In the long term farmers need to be involved in the pricing of their milk. That is why it is important to join ARMPPA. ARMPPA, American Raw Milk Producers Pricing Association is the only nationwide bargaining agency truly interested in getting a fair price for milk for dairy farmers. For more information on ARMPPA call (717) 833-4592.

## Honey Producers To Meet

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) - The next meeting of the Lancaster County Honey Producers is Tuesday, April 21 at the Lancaster County Park Conservation Center.

"Beginning Beekeeping" is the subject, and the group will meet promptly at 7 p.m. to

install a package of bees from the south in their new home (a modern hive). If the weather permits, the association will install them outside. "The County Park is hosting the group and everyone is welcome.

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"carry out available"

6:30 PM - Singspiration

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7:30 PM - Dairy and Beef Cattle Auction

### SATURDAY

## April 25, 1998

7:00 AM - Light Breakfast

9:00 AM - Benefit Auction Begins

11:00 AM - Quilts

2:00 PM - 3-D Pictures

1:00 & 3:00 PM - Quality Oak Furniture

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