



❖ FARM CALENDAR ❖

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York Pesticide Update Training, field crops and vegetables, York extension office, 10 a.m.-noon or 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 Beef Production, Wesley Grange, Barkeyville, 7 p.m., also Feb. 11.  
 Milking Management, Mercer County extension office, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
 Lancaster County Cooperative Extension meeting, Farm and Home Center, 6 p.m.  
 Pond Management Seminar, Greensburg Garden and Civic Center, 9:10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 Annual Maryland Ag Dinner, Michael's Eighth Avenue, Glen Burnie.

Friday, February 5

Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Banquet, Farm and Home Center, 6:30 p.m.  
 Pa. Holstein Junior Convention, Ramada Inn, Wilkes-Barre, thru Feb. 7.

Saturday, February 6

Ephrata Area Young Farmers Annual Banquet, Mt. Airy Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
 Crops Day, Kane Sportsmen's Club, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, February 7

Monday, February 8  
 Act 6 Nutrient Management Certification/Plan Writing Seminars, Westmoreland/S.W. Pa., Donohoe Center, Greensburg, fertility; certification Feb. 15 and exam, Feb. 22.  
 Basic Dairy Farm Management Workshop, Venango County extension office, 7:30 p.m., also Feb. 22.

Pest. Applicator Recertification Meeting, McConnellsburg High School, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
 Tuesday, February 9  
 Solanco Young Farmer meeting,

dairy management, Solanco High School, 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Vegetable Conference, Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Syracuse, N.Y., thru Feb. 11.

54th Annual Pa. Landscape and Nursery Conference, Holiday Inn, Grantville, thru Feb. 10.

Act 6 Nutrient Management Certification/Plan Writing Seminars, Crawford/N.W. Pa., Crawford extension, Meadville, fertility; certification Feb. 16 and exam Feb. 23.

Lancaster County Crops Day, Farm and Home Center, 9 a.m.

Ag Outlook Meeting, Gettysburg Middle School, Gettysburg, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Genex Local Membership meeting, Dover Fire Hall, Dover, 10 a.m.

Pesticide safety meeting, Lincoln Family Smorgasbord, 6:45 p.m.

Northeast Regional Fruit Growers Meeting, Ramada Inn, Chinchilla, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10

Keystone Pork Expo, Lebanon Convention Center, Lebanon Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.

Regional Potato Meeting, Imperial Room, Mini Mall, Ebsenburg, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Winter Fruit Meeting, Schuylkill County Ag Center, Pottsville, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 11

Venango County Crops Night, Venango extension office, Franklin, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Franklin, Adams, and Cumberland Vegetable Growers meeting, Penn Township Fire Hall, Huntingdale, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Clarion Crops Day, Clarion County extension office, Shippensburg, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Ag Conservation Assistance Workshop, Brad's Red Tavern, Upper Pittsgrove, N.J., 9:15 a.m.

Potato Roundtable Discussion,

# Grazing, Forage Conference March 3-4

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) — If you have not registered for the Pennsylvania Grazing and Forage Conference, then time is running out.

The conference will be held at the Grantville Holiday Inn on March 3-4. Jim Gerrish, a grazing specialist at the University of Missouri, will be the keynote speaker.

Gerrish's grazing research is some of the strongest in the world in the area of animal, manure, and water management in pastures.

His research has emphasized improving grazing management to increase intake and utilization of pasture. In addition he has been involved in a long term study to evaluate nutrient recycling and distribution in pasture systems.

In addition to Jim Gerrish, the program includes presentations on extending the grazing season, using TMR on pastures, custom heifer raising, improving your pastures, or which pasture plant species are best for your farm. If you have interest in any of these topics then you should make plans to attend the Grazing Conference at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. Many of the presentations will be given by grazers who have years

of experience dealing with these issues.

In addition to the structured educational program, there will be a trade show and company representatives available to showcase the latest in grazing technology. If it is New Zealand-style milking facilities, fence insulators, or the newest plant species for pasture that you are interested in, you can learn all about it at the trade show.

This conference is being co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council and the Grazing Research and Education Center. For more information, and to register, contact Sue Eisenhauer at (814) 865-6541.

York extension office, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

IPM For Field Crops, Coudersport Elementary, 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Southeast Regional Winter Fruit Meeting, Berks County Ag Center, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Iowa Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association Annual Convention, Crown Plaza Five Seasons Hotel, Cedar Rapids, thru Feb. 12.

Penn Manor Ag Dept. Discussion On Pesticide Use, Penn Manor H.S., 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Friday, February 12

PASA Conference, Penn State Conference Center, State College, thru Feb. 13.

Mercer Crops Day, Mercer County Career Center, Mercer.

Franklin County Crops and Soils Day, Lemaster Community Center.

Wayne County Dairy Day, Honesdale High School, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

SWCS/Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference, Embers Inn, Carlisle, 9 a.m.-3:25 p.m.

Beginning Beekeeping Seminar, Ag Center, Beaver, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!



❖ FARM FORUM ❖

Editor

My praises to you on your editorial, Jan. 23, 1999 in regards to the dilemma of the hog farmers. I am not a hog farmer, rather I raise a few beef cattle and feel the same pressures.

Part of the blame however lies with the producers themselves for their overindulgence. Unfortunately for some, the bank may be the only one coming out of this smelling like a rose.

I also fault the leaders of farmer organizations who so applauded NAFTA and GATT as being a panacea for farmers. Now we see it can work both ways. One cannot fault the packer for buying as cheap as he can. Rather it is the responsibility of

government to provide for the protection of its citizens and this includes the economic protection.

My challenge to all farmers in particular, keep informed on events, don't fall for all the rosy promises of prosperity. We are all in this boat together. Grab an oar and begin to row, for if you don't we will surely all sink and drown whether we are hog farmers, beef farmers, dairy farmers or grain farmers. Because who knows when it's our turn at bat.

Already some of the largest dairy producers are large corporations and banks. And this extends into other areas of agriculture and is growing. Wake up and smell the coffee!

Harold R. Stoult

## AGWAY DAIRY SEMINARS

- Feb. 2 Greensburg, PA — Mountain View Inn
- Feb. 3 State College, PA — The Penn Stater
- Feb. 4 Grantville, PA — Grantville Holiday Inn
- Feb. 5 Curryville, PA — Morrison's Cove Memorial Park

DAIRY SEMINAR SCHEDULE IS 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

"Feeding Carbohydrates for Maximum Milk Production & Health"  
 Dr. Jim Nocek — Adjunct Professor, Penn State University

"Trace Mineral Nutrition for Enhanced Dairy Performance"  
 Dr. Mike Socha — Ruminant Nutritionist, Zinpro Corporation

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 Dr. Chris Canale — V.P. Nutrition, Agway Keystone

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