



Pasto Agricultural Museum
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 Visitors to the Pasto Agricultural Museum, located at Penn State's Rock Springs Agricultural Research Center, journey back to a time when farmers used muscle power, both human and animal, to produce food and fiber for a growing nation. This regular Lancaster Farming column features photos and historical comments about the extensive collection found there. For more information call the museum office at 814/863-1383.

1985 Pedal Powered Milker Provides Wonderful Item For June Dairy Month Issue

Coaxing an animal to give up her milk has always been a laborious job. The Mehring Milker, patented in 1895 was an early beginning to mechanize the process. Dr. Jerome K. Pasto, retired curator and associate dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture at Penn State, shows how the machine was pedal-powered. The teat cups were made of solid Bakelite, and a pump to draw the milk created a vacuum. This kind of milker was used for ten to twenty years until improved machines were invented. The Mehring Milker shown here is complete in every detail, and is a rare museum piece. The photo was supplied by the Pasto Agricultural Museum, Penn State University.



Pa. Holstein Association Announces Judging Schools

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Holstein Association has announced the schedules for the 1999 round of junior judging schools.

Every year, the PHA serves as host sponsor for two junior judging schools — one located in the eastern part of the state, the other in the west.

This year, both schools are to be held east of the Susquehanna River.

The deadline for registering for either school is June 21.

The Eastern School is set to be held June 28-29 in Adams County with the county Holstein Club serving as host. The specific farms

and herds to be visited were not announced as of this week, but the teacher is to be Bonnie Remsburg, from Middletown, Maryland.

The Western School is set to be held June 30-July 1 in Westmoreland County, with that county's Holstein Club also serving as host organization.

The teacher is to be Alisa Fava of Scenery Hill.

The schools are open to all youth interested in learning about dairy cattle judging, regardless of personal dairy cattle breed affinity.

The PHA schools attempt to cover the basics of animal evaluation and reason-giving.

Individuals who attend have the opportunity to learn terminology, animal and class breakdowns, and how to effectively give reasons.

The cost of the school is \$25 for those staying overnight. The cost includes the school, a hotel room and an evening meal.

For commuters, the fee is \$15, covering the school and an evening meal.

Again this year, a second member of the same family who attends will receive \$5 off the registration fee.

For more information, contact the PHA by writing to Pennsylvania Holstein Association, 839 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801;




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