

Genex/CRI Dairy Day Planned

YORK (York Co.) — Area dairy producers are invited to attend the Genex/CRI Dairy Day program Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Dover Fire Hall in York County. The morning session begins with milk, coffee and donuts courtesy of Genex/CRI at 9:30 a.m.

The spread of John's disease is one of the most serious health threats to dairy producers in recent years. The tendency of the disease to exist in a herd for years before diagnosis makes it especially challenging to manage. Dr. David Wolfgang from Penn State's Veterinary Science Department will update producers on practical tips for John's control and management. He will provide information about Pennsylvania's John's certification program and its use in your herd.

Extension agent Tim Beck will provide a brief discussion of important biosecurity management practices that should be part of your regular dairy management routine. Preventive measures are always preferred over trying to treat a disease already in progress, so

tips for preventing disease spread will be featured.

Peter Tozer, dairy systems planner from Penn State Dairy and Animal Science, will update producers on important items if you are considering contract heifer rearing. With the trend toward larger, more specialized dairy operations, some producers have started businesses as contract heifer raisers. Tozer has done research on the costs involved with contract heifer rearing and he will provide practical tips on establishing a cost structure for both the grower and the dairyman. Tips on important con-

tact provisions will also be addressed.

The educational program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with lunch sponsored by Genex/CRI. There is no charge for lunch, but participants are asked to request a complimentary ticket in advance from either Larry Amspaecher at (717) 767-4171 or from Penn State Extension York Customer Service desk at (717) 840-7408.

During the afternoon Genex/CRI district meeting, Tom Lyons, CEO for Genex/CRI, will address the group.

Directory of Growers:

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To be listed in the survey is free. However, to help cover the costs of compiling, printing, and mailing the document this winter, PASA is charging \$10 for you to receive a copy of the completed directory, including its valuable listing of chefs.

As a nonprofit organization, PASA works to increase the

number of farms and the economic viability of existing farms. This effort to link farmers and chefs is part of PASA's Community FARM Initiative Program. The Chefs Collaborative 2000 is a national network of chefs who promote sustainable cuisine by teaching children, supporting local farmers, educating one another, and inspiring the public to choose good, clean food.

If you want your farm included in the directory, contact Ted Patterson at (610) 688-4895, or Kristen Markley at (814) 349-9856.



John and Thelma Kitner of Dillsburg were the winners of the ice cream maker that Lancaster Farming gave away at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The Kitners own a 22-acre farm where they have steers, hogs, and roosters. Both John and Thelma drive school bus for Northern York School District. John is also a self-employed electrician.

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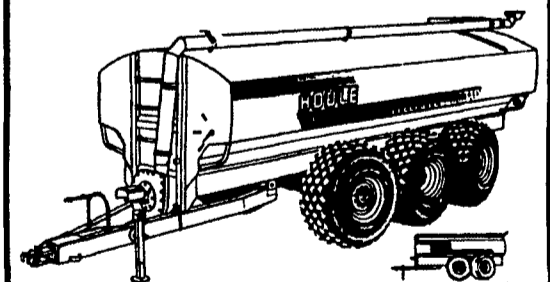
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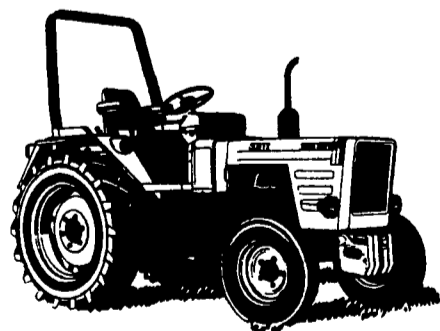
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