

❖ FARM CALENDAR ❖

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Farm Financial Health Checkup, Honey Brook Township Building.
 Christmas Tree Management Short Course, Penn Stater Conference Center, thru Feb. 17.
 Manure Handling In Existing and Expanding Farms, Morrison Cove Memorial Park, Martinsburg, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 Westmoreland County Crops Day, Donohoe Center, Greensburg, 9:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Thursday, February 17

Pennsylvania Holstein Convention, Clarion Hotel, Carlisle, thru Feb. 18.
 Mounting A Successful Reproduction Program, Mercer County Cooperative Extension, Mercer.
 Winter Grounds Maintenance Seminar, Kutztown Grange Hall, Kutztown, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 TMR Workshop, Denny and Todd McHenry Farm, New Bethlehem, noon-2:30 p.m.
 Crops Night, Venango County Extension Office, 7 p.m.
 Crops Master's Farming After the Drought, Holiday Inn, Phillipsburg, N.J., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Crops Day, Rustic Inn, Indiana.
 Organic Farm Meeting, Kutztown University, 7:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Winter Conference, Otterbein United Methodist Church, Sunbury, 9 a.m.

Friday, February 18

Pa. Holstein Convention Sale, Clarion Hotel, Carlisle, 7 p.m.
 Mounting A Successful Reproduction Program, Hugo's Restaurant, Brownsville.
 Farm Financial Health Checkup, Quarryville Library.
 Mercer County Crops Day, Mercer County Career Center.

Saturday, February 19

Western Pa. Gardening and Landscaping Symposium, Pittsburgh Zoo, Pittsburgh, 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
 Beginning Beekeeping Seminar, Beaver County Cooperative Extension, Beaver, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday, February 20

2000 Sorghum Industry Conference, Omni Bayfront Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas, thru Feb. 22.
 Pa. Game Breeders and Hunting Preserves Meeting, Nittany Lion Inn, University Park, thru Feb. 22.

Monday, February 21

Adams County Fruit Growers' Meeting, Biglerville High School.
 Dairy Disease and Biosecurity Practice, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Elizabethtown, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, February 22

Solanco Young Farmer Dairy Herd Health and Management, Solanco High School, 7:30 p.m.
 Capitol Region Advanced Crop Weed Management School, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Lykens Valley Dairy Day, Gratz.
 Schuylkill County Regional

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 12, 2000-A35

Vegetable Meeting, Schuylkill County Ag Center, Pottsville, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Dairy Disease and Biosecurity Practices, Washington Inn, Boyertown, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Pesticide Update Six-Pack, Blair County Extension, Altoona, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Advanced Crop Weed Management School, Lebanon Valley Ag Center, Lebanon.

Regional Beef Producers Meeting, Otterbein United Methodist Church, Sunbury, 7 p.m.

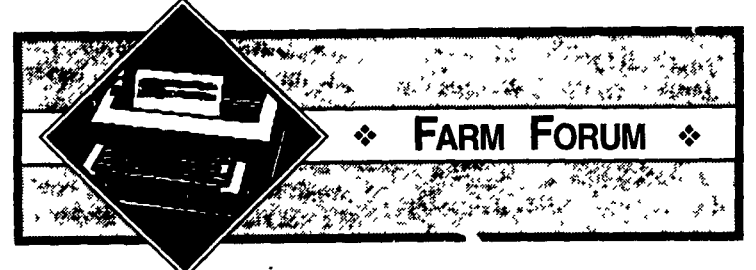
Wednesday, February 23

Mid-Atlantic Direct Marketing Conference 2000, Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, N.J., thru Feb. 27.
 Capitol Region Introductory Crop Weed Management School, Franklin County Co-

operative Extension, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Farm Financial Health Checkup, Cochranville Community Center.
 Southeast Pa. Vegetable Growers' Day, Family Heritage Restaurant, Franconia.
 Dairy Disease and Biosecurity Practices, Sunny Crest Home, Inc., Morgantown, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
 York/Lancaster County Tree Fruit Growers' Educational Meeting, Lancaster Farm and Home Center, 8:15 a.m.
 Northeast Region Landscape Seminar, Holiday Inn, Bartonsville, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday, February 24

Managing Weeds in Field Crops, 4-H Center, Creamery.
 New York State Farm Show, Syracuse, thru Feb. 26.



❖ FARM FORUM ❖

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gressmen Tim Holden and Paul Kanjorski to provide a safety net for dairy farmers in the region. The primary vehicle for this support is the Dairy Compact, which provides price stability for dairy farmers in New England at no expense to taxpayers.

We succeeded in reauthorizing the existing Dairy Compact until September 30, 2001, but were blocked from expanding the Compact to include Pennsylvania's dairy farmers. Expanding the Dairy Compact to include Pennsylvania is a top

priority of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Farmer's Union, and State Grange. It is also a top priority of mine and most friends of agriculture.

Agriculture is the leading industry in Pennsylvania and dairy is the most prominent segment of the Pennsylvania agriculture industry. If we do not act to stem the number of failing dairy farms, it will not be long before this will negatively impact the economy of our state's rural areas.

Ron Klink
 Member of Congress
 Westmoreland Co.

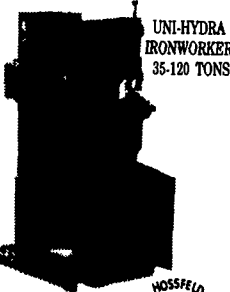
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