

Maryland To Host National 4-H Youth Tech Conference

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland's reputation in computer technology has resulted in the first-ever National 4-H Tech Conference scheduled July 8-12 on the University of Maryland campus at College Park.

Teams of three to five youth with their adult leaders from all 50 states are expected to attend the July event. Computer laboratories in the university's na-

tionally known AT & T Teaching Theatre, several campus lecture halls, and the Animal Sciences-Agricultural Engineering complex will be utilized for hands-on advanced training. Participants will be housed in a campus dormitory.

A 12-member planning committee/design team-half of whom are older teen-age members of state 4-H youth technol-

ogy leadership teams met recently at the Maryland 4-H Center in College Park to iron out final arrangements.

Participating youth team members from Maryland are Alicia Rausch of Laurel, Kristen Fitzpatrick of LaPlata, and Shelley M. Armour of Joppa-towne, Armour is a general agriculture sophomore at the University of Maryland.

Other youth planning team members hail from Kansas, Virginia, and California. That list includes Andrew Bell of Lincoln, Kan.; Beverly Beasley of Stuart, Va.; Anna Calasanti-Laws of Blacksburg, Va.; and Steven Worker of Santa Maria, Calif.

They will be assisted by several adult 4-H professional workers and volunteers, including Richard A. Byrne, Marie Fredette, and Kendra B. Wells of the Maryland Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development state office in College Park.

Other adult advisers are Kevin Wentzel of San Jose, Calif.; Peter Laws of Blacksburg, Va.; and Truoy Dunham of St. Paul, Minn.

Wentzel is a volunteer leader with the California 4-H Technology Corps.; Laws is a state extension 4-H youth specialist at Virginia Tech.; and Dunham is the University of Minnesota coordinator for CYFERNET, a national web-based computer network for land-grant universities, extension educators, and the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES).

Also serving as consultants are Virginia Gobeli, national 4-H program leader, and Thomas G. Tate, a national program

Top Dairy Herds By Breed

The following are the top producing dairy herds in Maryland for April 2000. The herds are organized by breed, and the production is based on energy corrected milk.

County Ass'n; Herd Name; # Cows In Herd; and ECM for top producing Ayrshire herds.

Howard: David & James Patrick, 55 cows, 69.4 pounds; Frederick: Homestead Farm, 21 cows, 68.9 pounds; Frederick: Vales-Pride Farm, 38 cows, 66.4 pounds; Carroll: R-Lynn Farm, 14 cows, 65.7 pounds; Baltimore: William Warns Farm, 11 cows, 62.1 pounds; Carroll: Whispering Ayr, 46 cows, 41.7 pounds.

In the Brown Swiss division, top herds are: Harford: Green-Castle Swiss, 15 cows, 77.4 pounds; Frederick: K. Scott &

Judy Hood, 32 cows, 72.4 pounds; Frederick: Vales-Pride Farm, 11 cows, 72.1 pounds; Frederick: Fir-Thorne-B, 53 cows, 71.5 pounds; Garrett: Jason Brenneman, 17 cows, 66.4 pounds; Carroll: Ryan Bell, 13 cows, 64.1 pounds; Frederick: Shafdon Swiss, 13 cows, 62.7 pounds; Frederick: Harold Long Brown Swiss, 17 cows, 60.3 pounds; Frederick: Dwayne & Miriam Bell, 62 cows, 54.3 pounds.

For Guernsey, top herds included: Frederick: Walnut Ridge Farm, 77 cows, 73.4 pounds; Kent: Keith Dixon, 27 cows, 68.5 pounds; Queen Anne's: William B. Messix III, 18 cows, 63.4 pounds; Frederick: Anovadale Guernseys, 38 cows, 56.3 pounds; Kent: Dogwood Lane Farm, 78 cows, 52.9 pounds; Frederick: Three Brooks Farm, 76 cows, 44.3 pounds.

High producing herds in the Jersey breed are: Frederick: Glenn Beard, 13 cows, 80.0 pounds; Garrett: Paul & Naomi Petersheim, 29 cows, 65.3 pounds; Carroll: Mayer's Stoney Point, 18 cows, 57.7 pounds; Carroll: Tomorrow's Promise Inc., 58 cows, 57.3 pounds; Washington: Willow Spring Farm, 58 cows, 56.4 pounds; Kent: P. Thomas Mason, 45 cows, 55.8 pounds; Garrett: Karen & Carlton Orendorf, 45 cows, 54.2 pounds; Frederick: Jersey Spring Farm, 112 cows, 54.0 pounds; Carroll: Charles De Groft, 51 cows, 51.9 pounds; Howard: Riehard A. Pue, 20 cows, 51.5 pounds.

Northeast Order Uniform Price For April 2000

BOSTON, MA — Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator for the Northeast Marketing Area, has announced that the statistical uniform price for April 2000 is \$12.46 per hundredweight or \$1.07 per gallon for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA (Boston).

The statistical uniform price is the benchmark minimum producer blend price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the component composition of a farm's milk differs from the established benchmarks.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.091 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 39.0 percent of producer milk receipts. The average Class I utilization, for the three predecessor orders that were combined to form the Northeast Order, was 40.2 percent in April 1999.

The manufacture of Class II products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.4 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated condensed products utilized 30.2 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 13.4 percent of the total.

Rasmussen also stated that the producer price differential (PPD) for April is \$3.05 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, MA. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool on a hundredweight basis.

The PPD, which is added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components, is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant. The statistical uniform price and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the more distant the plant is from Suffolk County, MA. The April PPD is \$2.95 in New York NY, and \$2.85 in Philadelphia, PA.

The Class prices for milk pooled in April are as follows: Class I, \$14.18 (Suffolk County, MA); Class II, \$12.10; Class III, \$9.41; and Class IV, \$11.38. Had the Northeast Order been in effect in 1999, comparable class prices for April 1999 would have been: Class I \$16.00, Class II \$12.05, Class III \$11.64, and Class IV price \$11.26. The component values for April are protein, \$1.7399 per pound; butterfat, \$1.1352 per pound; other solids, \$0.0408 per pound; and nonfat solids, \$0.8537 per pound.

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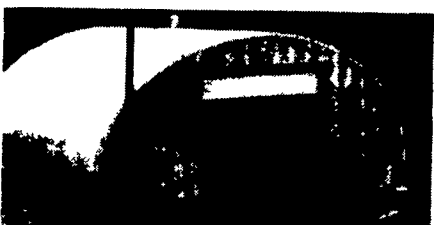
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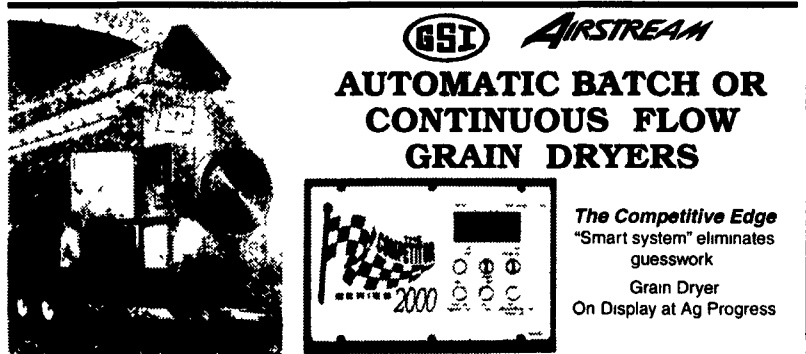
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