

Glickman Names Members, Alternates To American Egg Board

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has appointed nine members and nine alternates to the American Egg Board for the 2000-2001 term.

All members and alternates will serve two-year terms.

The board administers an egg research and promotion program authorized by the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act of 1974.

The American Egg Board is composed of 18 members and 18 alternates representing six regions. The secretary of agricul-

ture selects appointees from egg producers nominated by organizations representing the egg industry.

Reappointed members and alternates, by region, are:

- North Atlantic states - Jerry Kil, Franklin, Conn., member; Kurt H. Kreher, Clarence, N.Y., alternate.

- South Atlantic states - James H. Brock, Chestnut Mountain, Ga., member; Richard L. Simpson, Monroe, N.C., member; David O. Lappin, Liberty, S.C., alternate; Del M. Brock, Cullman, Ala., alternate.

- East North Central states -

Joseph J. Maust, Pigeon, Mich., member and Gregory S. Herbruck, Saranac, Mich., alternate.

- West North Central states - Beth S. Schnell, Wayzata, Minn., member, and Colleen B. Anderson, Sioux Rapids, Iowa, alternate.

- South Central states - Adolphus B. Baker, Jackson, Miss., member; Monty K. Henderson, Springdale, Ark., member; and V. Wayne Mooney, Dallas, Texas, alternate.

- Western states - John E. Demler, San Jacinto, Calif., member; Arnold J. Riebli, Petaluma, Calif., member; and James S. West, Modesto, Calif., alternate.

Newly appointed alternates, by region, are:

- South Central states - Vincent J. Reina, Sr., Boling, Texas.

- Western states - Sharon M. Hobberg, Chino, Calif.

The program is funded entirely by a 10-cent per 30-dozen case assessment on eggs marketed by producers with flocks of more than 75,000 hens. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, an agency of the marketing and regulatory programs mission area, has oversight responsibility for board operations.

Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Sale July 28

ELKTON, Md. — Friday, July 28 at 6:15 p.m. is the 21st Annual Cecil County Fair 4-H Livestock Auction.

This is your opportunity to support local 4-H youth and to purchase some of Cecil County's finest hand-raised beef, pork, and lamb.

The Livestock Sale marks the culmination of months of hard work, when 4-H'ers offer their project animals for sale to the highest bidder. Proceeds often go to fund college educations.

Even if you don't need a freezer full of meat, you can still support local 4-H youth by buying an animal and returning it to the sale committee. The sale committee will sell the animal for you at the market price and all you'll owe is the difference between your bid price and the market price.

Those of you who want quality meat but don't have an advertising budget can sign up

with the sale secretary to buy returned animals at the market price. You can expect 465 pounds of beef from a 1,000-pound steer, 125-pounds of pork from a 200-pound hog, and 35-pounds of lamb from a 100-pound lamb.

Don't need a whole steer, hog, or lamb? Then bring a friend, split the meat, and the cost. The sale committee will make arrangements to transport your animal to the Cecil County processor of your choice, but buyers are responsible for processing costs.

To preview the animals, attend the sheep show Tuesday, July 25, at 10 a.m. and the swine beef, and dairy steer shows Thursday, July 27, at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Joyce Barczewski livestock sale chair, at 410-392-6971 or the Cecil County Fair at 410-392-3440 (during fair week only).

Auction To Benefit Youth Exchange Fund

SUMMIT STATION (Schuylkill Co.) — A blue ribbon cake and pie auction will be Monday, August 7, at the Schuylkill County Fair at 8:30 p.m. to benefit the Youth Exchange Fund.

Just before the Mudflaps entertain fair goers, the 4-H and FFA members will work with auctioneer Robert Derfler to sell these delicacies to the highest bidder.

All auction proceeds will go directly into the 4-H Youth Exchange Fund. The names of the proud bakers of the pies and cakes will be announced and the buyers will be recognized in the fair premium book. Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun of an old-fashioned auction.

One of the fair's main objec-

tives is to educate the public about agriculture and our rural way of life. "The pie and cake auction, as well as the 4-H and FFA livestock auction, give the general public a taste of our agricultural heritage, and at the same time benefits our ag-oriented youth organizations, 4-H, and FFA," said Robert Evanchalk, livestock chairman and 4-H leader.

Of course, one piece of the cake and pie will be missing because a judge will have used a slice for the most important part of the judging, the taste test. This slice will also be on display along with the blue ribbon in the appropriate exhibit building.

For more information, call 570-754-FAIR.

Wholesale Greenhouse Production, Marketing Meeting July 27

NORTHUMBERLAND (Northumberland Co.) — Producers and beginning farmers who would like to learn about establishing a greenhouse business and marketing opportunities are invited to attend a Pennsylvania Farm Link-sponsored meeting at Mertz Greenhouses July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

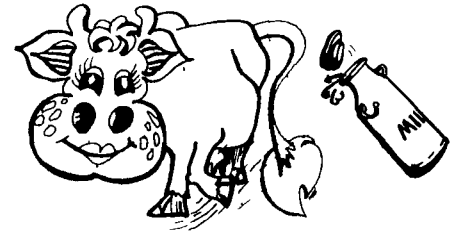
Twenty greenhouses produce 180,000 pounds of tomatoes, 27,000 potted geraniums, and 4,500 hanging baskets. The meeting will take place at the greenhouse and include a presentation by current owner, Michael McPhearson, and former owner, Boyd Mertz, on how they each got started in the greenhouse business, current production strategies and marketing

efforts, and the changing demands of the industry.

Information on integrated pest management (IPM) in greenhouse production and resource information will also be provided. To complete the evening, Farm Link will offer information on their services and a preview of upcoming activities and events.

Mertz greenhouses are located three miles north of Northumberland on Rt. 147 on the right-hand side. The large 350-foot greenhouse is visible from the road.

Contact Pennsylvania Farm Link at 717-664-7077 by July 25 to let them know of your planned attendance and for additional information on other marketing events.



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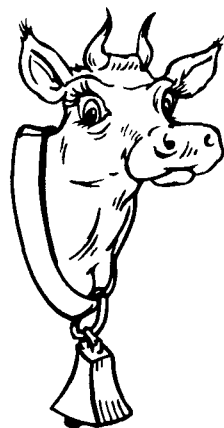
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