Land Use Resources Available **From The DCED**

In 53 hearings throughout the state, representatives from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, (DCED), spent much of 1999 listening to Pennsylvanians on land use. With regard to land use, Pennsylvanians' concerns were diverse. Intergovernmental cooperation and farmland preservation were the top issues raised at the forums. Both issues were mentioned at nearly every forum.

Open space and historical preservation, as well as water concerns and urban revitalization, were also leading issues. Accordingly, many participants supported the use of growth areas and efforts to encourage development in areas where development already exists.

Nonetheless, it was widely accepted that local government should keep the power to control matters of land use. Education and training was one area where there was no disagreement, everyone agreed that participants in all phases of the planning process are in need of education. Participants from across the Commonwealth asked for more technical assistance and financial assistance for planning.

Gov. Ridge's "Growing Smarter" proposal is based on recommendations garnered from these forums. "Growing Smarter" will start with the largest state investment ever in land-use planning — \$3.6 mil-lion to give local governments the tools they need to plan effectively for the future.

The budget will provide grants for land use planning (\$2.6 million) and added technical assistance (\$1 million) from the DCED's Center for Local **Government Services.**

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Ag Showcase at Cecil Co. Fair, MD 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 26

- Conservation Expo and Farm and Field Day, Cedar Meadow Farm, Steve Groff, Holtwood, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Lancaster Black and White Show, Quarryville, thru July 27.
- National Red and White Association Annual Convention,
- Crystal Springs, thru July 29. Soil and Water Field Night, Van Meter Research Farm, Pike-
- ton. Farm Field Day, Cedar Meadows Farm, Holtwood 10a.m.-3

p.m. Thursday, July 27

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Lancaster County Holstein

Show, Solanco Fairgrounds, Quarryville, 9:30 a.m.

- Red and White Cattle National Association Meeting, Bedford, thru July 29.
- Fayette County Fair, thru Aug. 5.
- Somerset County Fair, thru July 29.
- Shippensburg Fair Holstein Show, Fairgrounds, Shippensburg, 6 p.m.
- Lanc. Co. Holstein Show, Quarreyville Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.
- egetable Growers Twilight Meeting, Kutztown Produce Auction, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Dauphin County Holstein Club Twilight Meeting, Jay Melvin Brandt Farm, Hershey, 7:30 p.m.

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Lebanon Area Fair, Lebanon Valley Expo Center, thru Aug. 5.

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Southwest Championship Holstein Show, Fayette Fairgrounds, Uniontown, 10 a.m.

Friday, July 28 National Dorset Type Conference and Symposium, Penn

State Department of Dairy

and Animal Science, thru July

State Craft Fair, F&M College,

Lancaster, thru July 30. Saturday, July 29

- Lebanon Area Fair thru Aug 5 Aquaculture Field Day, Piketon Research and Extension
- Center, Piketon. West Central District Junior Dairy Show, Grange Fair-
- grounds, Centre Hall, 9 a.m.
- Carroll County 4-H/FFA Fair, thru Aug. 5.

Monday, July 31

Clearfield Co. Fair, thru Aug 5. Goshen Co. fair, thru Aug 5. Morison Cove Dairy Show, Thru Aug 5

Potter Co. Fair, thru Aug 5 PDCA Judging Conf., Memorial Park, Martinsburg

Virginia **Cow/Calf Producers**

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ing decisions. "Some of us sell feeder cattle into this kind of an operation and never see the feedlots," said Donna Haldane, from Third Hill Farm in Shenendoah County, Virginia. "I usually send one load of cattle a

year and I wanted to come up a see my customers. "We're all looking

for ways to make the business more profitable. It's a little risky and we're all a little risk-adverse. But we're open to other options and possibili-ties."

'We came to look at the other end of the deal, to get a better understanding of health problems, what we can do to help them avoid that, what they're feeding them, and what we can do to jump-start the cattle," said Haldane.

Cattle type was another hot topic of discussion as the feeders could be clear on the cattle which they'd prefer to feed. If given a choice between a tall or short animal, feeders determined that they would rather feed shorter cattle which may grade, rather than taller cattle, which take longer to grade Choice and then the carcass may be too heavy











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