

# Lehigh County Roundup Moves To Allentown Fair

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ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — To attract additional buyers, spread the word about 4-H, and educate the community about agriculture in general, the Lehigh County 4-H Livestock Council has relocated the annual roundup.

The roundup returns to a former site, this time the Allentown Fairgrounds, on Saturday, Sept. 2, during the Allentown Fair.

In the past the roundup was conducted in September at the Schnecksville Fairgrounds. But to attract buyers and reach out to urban homeowners and businesses, the roundup has a new home.

The roundup show, to be conducted simultaneously with livestock judging events at the fair, features about 12 sheep, 40 hogs, and about a dozen steers. The roundup sale is Saturday, Sept. 2, at 3 p.m. in the Livestock Tent at Allentown Fair.

Not only will the roundup sale attract downtown buyers, but will showcase the work all year long by the 4-H members.

In the past, the Schnecksville Fairground location proved useful. But the 4-H kids put in a lot of work that the greater public just didn't see, according to sheep club leader Cheryl Bennecoff.

"It was a nice show," she said. "But there was nobody there to

see it, except family and friends."

Bennecoff noted the challenges trying to get buyers to the roundup sale.

According to Steven Bruch, Lehigh County extension agent, the Allentown Fair organizers have been "supportive, and have helped us get this together," he said.

Bruch noted that several broadsheet posters and flyers have been printed. Many will be distributed at regional fairs and local businesses to advertise the roundup's new location.

4-H'ers in the county have been working hard with their petting zoo tent. Parents, leaders, and 4-H members took turns at the photo fundraiser booth at the Schnecksville Fair. They also put the petting zoo up at the Allentown Fair. The petting zoo provided information about the 4-H clubs and teaches the public about animals.

The experience at the zoo, Bennecoff said, helps 4-H members learn how to "deal with people and to educate the public about animals," she said.

Todd Bennecoff Jr., Todd Sr. and Cheryl's son, is the sheep club president. John Strawbridge, son of Donna Strawbridge, is the swine club president. Adam Rabenold, son of Tom and Donna Rabenold, is president of the beef club.

The fund-raiser at the petting zoo helps educate the public,

"which is what 4-H is all about," said Cheryl.

The roundup also helps the Allentown Fair, she noted, drawing people in from around town to see the Lehigh County 4-H livestock clubs in action.

Ralph W. Zettlemoyer Auction Company has donated its services for the roundup. Buy-back sponsors are Leesport Livestock Auction for beef and sheep and Leidy's Meats for the swine.

Registration for the roundup sale is scheduled during the Allentown Fair.

For more information about the roundup sale, call Steven Bruch, extension agent, at (610) 391-9840 or Todd Bennecoff Sr., Livestock Council president, at (610) 285-6582.

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## The Transition Dairy Cow

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The transition period for the dairy cow is that time when she is changing her metabolism for the support of fetal and uterine tissue development along with some mammary growth to support colostrum and high levels of milk production.

Nutrient priorities must therefore change dramatically during this period. It is also a time period of having excess dietary nutrients on a relatively low level of intake as a percent of body weight, to having a nutrient deficit despite increasing

levels of intake.

Being part of a working farm system, this transition period also dictates cow movement, housing, ration, and social adjustments that must take place during this time. The time period of this transition is generally considered to be three-four weeks pre-calving to three-six weeks post-calving.

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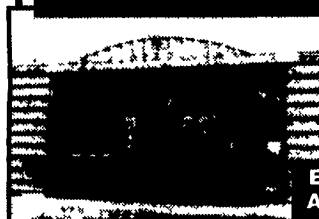
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