

U.S. Department Of Energy Sponsoring Two Ethanol Workshops

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The U.S. Department of Energy will sponsor two ethanol workshops for rural America in Pennsylvania in late August. They are scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 28, in Mars, (north of Pittsburgh) at the Sheraton Inn, and Thursday, Aug. 30, in Grantville at the Holiday Inn.

The workshops will explore how Pennsylvania farmers and agricultural businesses can profit from establishing ethanol plants in the state. A steering committee made up state farm organizations and agencies has provided assistance in planning the agenda and logistics for the workshops.

Target audience for the workshops includes farmers, ranchers, ag organizations, agencies that serve agriculture and businesses that support rural communities. Others who are urged to participate include Rural Economic Development groups, bankers, local government officials, farmer owned cooperatives, county RC&D groups, and state and local environmental agencies. Audience participation will be encouraged and time will be allowed for questions and answers.

Preregistering is encouraged to help with planning for space and luncheon. A registration form can be obtained from David Bingaman at the PDA at (717) 772-5208, or from EPAC at (406) 785-3722 or by logging on to www.ethanolmt.org. A \$20 fee will be charged to cover the cost of luncheon.

The agenda will be identical at each location. An introduction to the workshop will be given at 8:30 a.m. by Ann Hegnauer, of the DOE Office of Fuels Development, with a welcome by Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes. The first session will be an introduction to Ethanol, to cover the basics and history of the fuel, presented by Bob Dineen, vice president of the Washington, D.C. based Renewable Fuels Association.

The economics of marketing the fuel in the northeast will be presented by John Urbanchuk, a consultant with AUS. Marc To-

siano, of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistical Service will present crop data.

Marketing and utilization of ethanol fuel will be addressed by Mike Allen, of Allen Oil, who owns and operates stations that market ethanol blended fuels, and by Shirley Ball, executive director for Ethanol Producers And Consumers (EPAC) who drives a flexible fueled vehicle that can be powered on E-85, a fuel made up of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gas.

Utilizing the high protein distillers grains co-product as livestock rations will be presented by Dr. John Fidler and a speaker to be announced.

Larry Johnson, project development manager for Delta-T, will speak on feasibility studies and how to get started on an ethanol project. Larry Johnson, who was the 'Ethanol Answer Man' during the time Minnesota was developing its strong ethanol program, will also speak

during the session on "State and Federal Public Policy" to discuss policies that provide market push and market pull.

Current case studies will be a report from people who currently manage ethanol plants. Dan Thompson, Minnesota Corn Processors will speak at the Mars workshop and Jim Glancey, of the Wyoming Ethanol plant will speak at the Grantville workshop.

New production technologies for value added processing of corn will be presented by researchers ViJay Singh and Kevin Hicks, who are associated with the USDA Ag Research Service at the Eastern Regional Research Center in Wyndmoor.

Kelly Ibsen and Rafael Nieves with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo. will speak on "Ethanol from Cellulosic Biomass, and the Opportunities in Pennsylvania."

The next session features

Pennsylvania developments, assistance and programs that are available. Speakers include David Carver, of the York County Industrial Development Corp., Gerald Ely, Cooperative

Development Specialist with USDA Rural Development, and Dick Poorbaugh, with Penn State Cooperative Business Education and Research Program.

Dairy Promotion Groups Together At Ag Progress Days

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Dairy farmers are invited to 2001 Ag Progress Days to learn more about how dairy checkoff programs are working to increase dairy product demand.

The Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program (PDPP), American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Mid East (ADADC Mid East), and the American Dairy Association/Dairy Council Middle Atlantic (ADA/DC Middle Atlantic) will host a joint exhibit at the annual event, Aug. 14-16 at the Ag Progress Days grounds.

All dairy farmers and anyone affiliated with the dairy industry are invited to visit the joint exhib-

it in Dairy and Livestock Tent #1 to learn more about both local and national dairy promotion efforts. Farmers are encouraged to register for a special drawing while visiting the display.

Pennsylvania dairy farmers are also invited to a free luncheon and informational meeting hosted by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program at noon, Thursday, Aug. 16 in the Special Events Building at Ag Progress Days. This will serve as the annual meeting for PDPP and a great opportunity for farmers to hear more about new dairy promotion initiatives, including milk vending. For reservations, call (800) 292-MILK.

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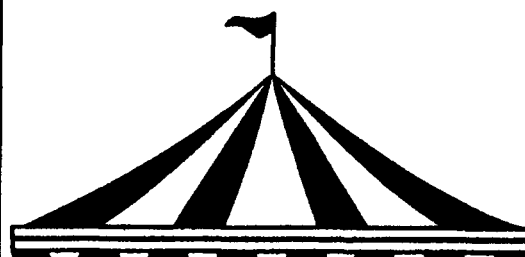


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