



FARM CALENDAR

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7:15 a.m. Modern Maturity Center, also Feb. 22 and March 15.  
 Maryland Organic Study Circle discussion, Kent County Extension Office, Chestertown, Md., 9:30 a.m., (410) 778-1661.  
 Southeast Pa. Crop Conference, East Brandywine Fire Hall, Guthriesville, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
 Cecil County Farmers' Breakfast, North East Fire Hall, North East, Md., 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
 W.Va. VMA Annual Meeting, The Greenbriar, White Sulphur Springs, thru Jan. 27. (304) 343-9559.

Franklin County Cooperative Extension annual meeting, Kauffman Community Center, 6:15 p.m., (717) 263-9226.

**Saturday, January 26**  
 Pa. Meat Goat Producers' Conference, Iron Skillet Restaurant, Petro Shopping Center, Scranton, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.  
 Ohio District Saddle Horse Training, (740) 732-2381.  
 Beaver/Lawrence County Holstein annual meeting, Villa 2, Beaver Falls, 7:30 p.m.  
 Northeast Organic Farming Association's Winter Conference, Cook College, New Brunswick, N.J., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Clarion Venango Forest Landowner's Conference, Behrend Campus, Penn State Erie, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Monday, January 28**  
 Ohio Small Dairy Farm Update, Mrs. Yoder's Mt. Hope Restaurant, Dalton, Ohio, 9:30 a.m., (330) 264-8722.  
 Capitol Area Turf and Ornamental Winter School Program, Holiday Inn, Grantville, 8 a.m.-3:10 p.m., (717) 921-8803.  
 Adams County Corn Crops Clinic, York Springs Fire Hall, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m., (717) 334-6271.  
 Beef Educational Meeting, Bernsville Grange, 5:30 p.m., (610) 378-1327.  
 Dairy Business: 10 Ways to Improve Profit Without Expanding, Montrose County Office Building, Susquehanna County Extension, (570) 278-1158.  
 Video, Web Drought Conference, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

## Lamb Market Reports Revised In Mandatory Reporting Program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — USDA has introduced two revised daily lamb market news reports and one new daily report to complement existing reports as part of the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Program. These reports became available starting Jan. 7.

The revised reports are the U.S. Daily Lamb Report and the Western Daily Lamb Report. USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) analyzed data obtained from packers to determine the purchasing methods being used by individual plants.

AMS concluded that confidentiality guidelines could be met for negotiated and formula lamb transactions if daily data collected from packers was aggregated in a multiday report. This is the same procedure that is being used for lamb carcass reporting.

AMS will publish these reports each day when aggregated data includes three or more packers and no individual packer is providing more than 70 percent of the data.

If on an individual daily basis the confidentiality guideline is not met, the data will be aggregated with data from succeeding days until the confidentiality guideline is met.

By using this procedure, all reported data for negotiated live lamb and carcass based formula transactions will be published. On days when AMS is unable to publish a report containing new information, AMS will publish a report containing the latest available information.

These revised reports are expected to improve public access to mandatory information by permitting AMS to publish a greater volume of collected data on a more consistent basis in a manner that protects the confidentiality of reported transactions.

The new report is entitled the National Daily Lamb Carcass Cutout Value Report. The cutout value is

calculated from data obtained daily from sale transactions of boxed lamb cuts.

The lamb carcass cutout value is a calculation that approximates the value of a lamb carcass based upon reported prices for

boxed lamb cuts. This report will provide industry with a measurement and indicator of a lamb carcass value which then can be related to live lamb values.



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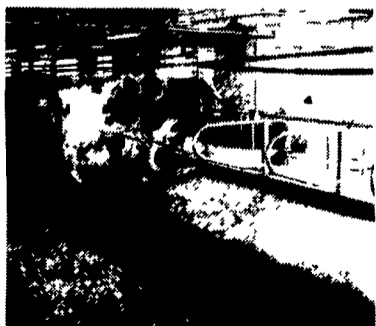
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