

## ❖ FARM CALENDAR ❖

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ing, Montrose County Office Building, Susquehanna County Extension, (570) 278-1158.

Video, Web Drought Conference, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Bradford County Extension, Dairy Risk Management Training, extension office, Towanda, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 29**

Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, thru Jan. 31, (717) 694-3596.

Decision 2002: Market Outlook, Marketing Strategies, Weather, Days Inn Conference Center, Allentown.

Ohio: Maple Syrup Program, Trescarawas County, Ohio, (330) 339-2337.

Penn State Wine Grape Section at the Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention, Hershey Convention Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (717) 394-6851.

Calf Sense Workshop, Lawrence County; Washington County on Jan. 30; Indiana County on Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Dairy Alliance and Extension Plan Standard Operating Procedure Workshop, Bart Fire Hall, Georgetown, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Pasture Establishment Management, Elkton Public Library, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., (410) 996-5280.

Cattle Feeder's Day, Lancaster

Farm and Home Center, 8:30 a.m., (717) 394-6851.

Winter Crop Meeting, Monroe County Extension, Polk Township Fire Co., Kresgeville, 6:30 p.m.

Tri-State Conservation Tillage Conference, Radisson Hotel, West Middlesex, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (814) 226-8160, ext. 5.

Perry County Extension Annual Meeting, Highland Presbyterian Church, Newport, 7 p.m., (717) 582-5150.

SOP Workshop Session, Bart Fire Hall, Georgetown. Session 2 Jan. 30 at Weaver's Market, Adamstown, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Dairy Risk Management Training, Aunt Pattie's Restaurant, Middlebury Center, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 30**

Dairy Alliance and Extension Plan SOP Workshop, Weaver Markets, Adamstown, 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

E. Vet. Historical Society, UP Veterinary Annual Conference, Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia, (215) 886-1222.

Mount Joy Farmers' Cooperative Meeting, East Fairview Church of the Brethren, Mannheim, 11:30 a.m., (717) 629-2581.

2002 Southwest Beef Management Workshop Series, Belle Vernon Holiday Inn, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Also Wednesday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 12, (724) 228-

6881.

Fulton and Lebanon Valley Farmers Bank luncheon seminar, Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Fairgrounds, Lebanon, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 31**

Robotic Milkers in Pa., H.E. Heindel Farms and Brown Cow Dairy Store, Brogue, (888) 472-0261.

Tioga County Dairy Day, Tioga County Fairgrounds, Whitneyville, 9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Producing and Marketing Maryland Type 32 Tobacco, Calvert Grange Hall, Calvert, Md., 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Ohio State Extension USDA program, Ross County Extension office, Chillicothe, (740) 335-1150.

Farm Show Scholarship Foundation Benefit, National Civil War Museum, Harrisburg, 7 p.m.

Beef Meeting, Wesley Grange, Barkeyville, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Also Feb. 7 and 13.

Pa. Holstein South Central Show and Sale Meeting, Old Country Buffet, Harrisburg, 11 a.m.

**Friday, February 1**

Virginia Biological Farming Conference 4-H Trade Show, Northern Virginia 4-H Education Center, Front Royal, (540) 463-6363.

Ohio Farm Financial Management Workshop, North West District Ohio Extension, Findlay, Ohio, (419) 422-6106.

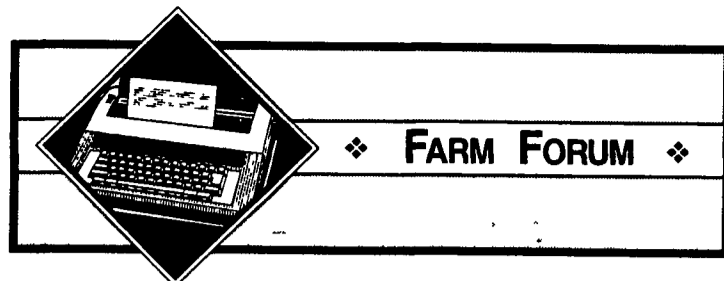
Alfalfa Grower's Workshop, Farm Show Building, Williamsburg, (814) 940-5989.

**Saturday, February 2**

Pa. State Rabbit Breeders' Association, Lebanon Ag Center, also Feb. 3.

Farmer-to-Farmer Workshop, Ballston Spa near Saratoga Springs, N.Y., also Feb. 3.

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## ❖ FARM FORUM ❖

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ride for dairy farmers will never cease until milk is priced a different way.

Many dairy farmers had hoped that the new Farm Bill would change the method in which the value of milk at the farm would be determined. When the representatives passed their version of the Farm Bill in late 2001, we found the bill contained nothing really new to dairy farmers. Representative Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduced legislation to amend the Farm Bill. However, when Representative Sanders' amendment failed by 27 votes, many members of the House voted against the House's Farm Bill, including many from the Northeast. The expensive Farm Bill did pass, again without any real improvement to dairy farmers.

Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) made sincere efforts to amend the Senate's Farm Bill. Leahy's amendments would have improved the prices to dairy farmers across the U.S. The best part of Leahy's plan was that the extra money would have come from the market place, not the Federal Treasury. However, only 40 senators pledged their support to the Leahy amendments. Consequ-

ently, this lead Leahy and other senators to try another plan to help dairy farmers.

However, Leahy's plan was objected to by the majority of Republican senators (but not all). These same Republican senators tried to implement amendments to the farm bill that would not have done anything for dairy farmers. Fortunately, these amendments did not pass.

As the senate adjourned prior to Christmas, Leahy's dairy amendments were still very much alive. Unfortunately, those who opposed the amendments continued to filibuster the dairy plan.

In order to shut off a filibuster, 60 senators have to vote to close off debate. However, when only 55 senators voted to stop the filibuster, Senator Daschle decided to go no further with the Farm Bill until January.

I wonder why Pennsylvania's two senators, one more time, were on opposite sides. Senator Specter was supporting Leahy's amendments, while Senator Santorum failed to support a partial realistic solution to dairy farmer pricing inequities.

— Arden Tewksbury  
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