

ADADC Officers Elected

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The American Dairy Association & Dairy Council Mid East Board of Trustees recently elected its 2002 officers.

Paul Broering, of St. Henry, Ohio, was re-elected to a fourth term as president. "I am proud to be a part of an organization that is continually seeking new opportunities and implementing cutting edge programs to build markets for milk," Broering said. Since 1984 when the program began, total milk sales have increased by 33 percent, and per

capita consumption of all dairy products has increased by 11 percent. "The dairy promotion checkoff program drives demand for milk and cheese on behalf of American's dairy farmers," Broering said.

Others re-elected to office include Rita Kennedy, Valencia, Pa., vice president; Betty Herron, Salem, Ohio, secretary; and Ray Diebold, Altoona, Pa., treasurer. All officers were elected to serve one-year terms.

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — Even though transferring a farm to the next generations seems straightforward, tax traps, family issues, and lack of financing or business planning challenge many families attempting a transition.

To help Pennsylvania farm families, Pennsylvania Farm Link and Penn State Cooperative Extension will host "Passing on the Farm" workshops on March 5 at the Cumberland County Extension Office and on March 12 at the Lebanon County Extension Office.

Both workshops run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Speakers will address bringing the next generation into the farm business, farm viability, farmland preservation programs, estate planning, legal aspects of transfers, retirement planning, financing for new farmers and crop insurance. In addition, farmers from the region will discuss their families' efforts to transfer their businesses to the next generation.

The Carlisle Passing on the Farm workshop is provided at no charge to farmers; lunch is on

your own. Please call Pennsylvania Farm Link at (717) 664-7077 to make reservations for this workshop and for directions by March 4.

The Lebanon Passing on the Farm workshop includes lunch at a cost of \$6 per person payable to Extension Special Fund. Please send payment for lunch to Lebanon County Extension Office, 2120 Cornwall Road, Suite 1, Lebanon, PA 17042, by March 8.

For more information on these programs or directions, phone the Farm Link office or e-mail pfamlink@redrose.net.

Universities Offer Managers' Shortcourse Horse Pasture Management School Also Upcoming

BETHLEHEM (Montgomery Co.) — Dr. Ann Swinker, Penn State equine specialist, Brian Egan, Penn State horse herdsman, and Eileen Wheeler, assistant professor of agricultural engineering at Penn State, will be among the key speakers at the upcoming equine shortcourse sponsored by the Penn Jersey Extension Partnership.

The program, entitled, "Equine Barn Managers' Shortcourse" will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12 and 13, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Bethlehem. Although the program is geared toward stable managers it is open to all interested horse owners, enthusiasts, and equine professionals.

Dr. Swinker will discuss arena

footing and maintenance and share research results regarding dust control and health impacts on horses and riding instructors. She will also cover fencing options, costs and safety factors. Eileen Wheeler, author of several publications regarding horse facility design, will speak about barn design issues, safety features, ventilation needs, and making the most of what facilities you have.

Brian Egan, instructor and horse herdsman at Penn State, will cover horse safety and handling issues especially relating to working with boarders' and clients' horses. Since most stable managers need to deal with handling horses on a daily basis, they need to gain the respect of the horse and help their clients learn

to do the same. The shortcourse will also help participants better understand liability concerns, contract issues, employee relations, and insurance needs.

The cost of the program is \$80, which includes lunch and materials both days. For a registration form and program, contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Warren County, N.J., at (908) 475-6503, or the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office of Montgomery County, Pa., at (610) 489-4315.

Horse owners may also be interested in another offering from

Cooperative Extension which will be a Horse Pasture Management School to take place on three consecutive Tuesday nights,

March 5, 12 and 19, from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Montgomery County 4-H Center in the Skippack area. This course is open to all horse owners and will feature everything from controlling poisonous plants and weeds to renovating new pastures.

Instructors will also cover animal needs (grazing versus turnout or exercise lots), the economics and value of good pasture, and understanding plant growth and soil fertility. Learn when to lime and how to take that soil sample. For more information on the pasture school, contact Nancy Kadwill, Penn State extension agent, at (610) 489-4315.

N.Y. Regional Farm And Food Project Offers Workshop

ALBANY (N.Y.) — Dozens of farmers' market vendors, managers, organizers, sponsors, and volunteers will gather here for a one-day peer workshop entitled "Building Stronger Farmers' Markets" Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The day's program will start with a keynote presentation by Andre Goncarovs, president of the Ithaca Farmers' Market, followed by panels and moderated discussions on key challenges faced by markets.

This gathering will give farmers' market leaders, participants, and supporters the chance to compare notes on many issues related to running a good market and sustaining it over time, as well as to network and form relationships. Another aim of the workshop is to help cultivate a next generation of market leaders.

The workshop will take place at St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Avenue in Albany. The fee is \$20 for registrations received by March 1, \$25 for later registrations.

To receive a brochure or for more information, please contact the Regional Farm & Food Project, 148 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12206; (518) 427-6537 or farmfood@capital.net.

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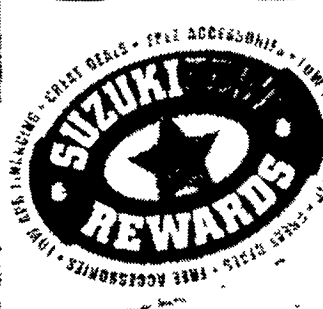
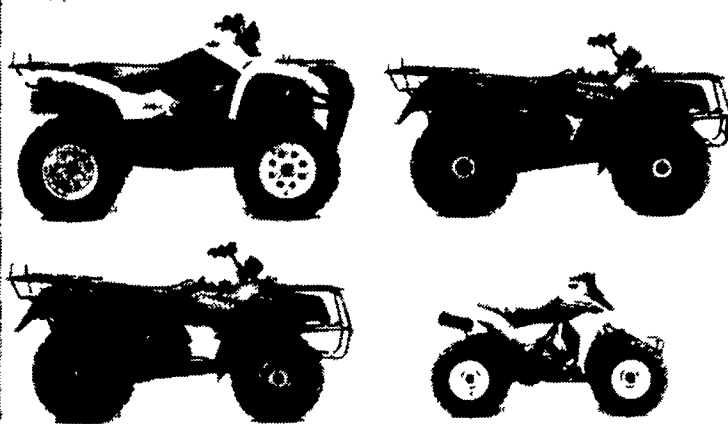
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