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Dauphin County Community Center, Gratz, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., (717) 365-3181.
 Custom Cattle Feeding Workshop, Acorn Farms Conference Center, Mount Joy.
 Erie County Dairy Producers' Group, Elk Creek Inn, Fairview, 12:30 p.m.
 Corry Dairy Producers Group, Marlene's Restaurant, Corry, 10 a.m.
 Butler County Dairy Discussion Group, Robotic Milking, Brown's Country Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Pesticide Update, Lehigh County Extension, Allentown Ag Center, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., (610) 391-9840.
 Dairy One Herd Forum, Hartly, Del.

Thursday, March 7

Comprehensive Herd Health Workshop, Lebanon Expo Center.
 Vegetable Growers Study Circle, Kutztown Produce Auction, Extension Office, Lehigh County, Kutztown, (610) 391-9840.

◆ FARM CALENDAR ◆

Perry County Holstein Annual meeting, Messiah Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
 Dairy Outlook Teleconference, Fayette Fairgrounds and Washington County Extension Office, 11:45 a.m., (724) 228-6881.
 Poultry Progress Day, Lancaster Farm and Home Center.
 Mid-Atlantic Pumpkin School, Bridgeport Holiday Inn, Gloucester County, N.J., Rutgers Extension (856) 307-6450; Howard County Extension, (410) 313-2707.
 Dairy Outlook Update, Donohoe Center, Greensburg, noon-1 p.m.
 Northwest Pa. Dairy Nutrition Workshop, Mercer County Extension, (724) 662-3141.
 Butler County Farm Friends Group, Scrapbook Station, Point Plaza, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., (724) 287-4761.
 Tour 3 Holstein Herds, Lancaster County Holstein Club, Farm and Home Center, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Clean and Green Act meeting, Westfield Grange, Lawrence County Extension, 1 p.m.-2:30

p.m., (724) 654-8370. Also 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Liberty Grange, 5 miles west of Harlansburg.

Beef Management Short Course Thursday evenings 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Berks County Extension March 7, 14, and 21; Village Library Morgantown April 4, 11, 18.

Clarion, Indiana, Armstrong Beef Management Workshop, Ford Cliff Fire Hall, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., (724) 837-1402.

High Tunnel meeting, Fleetwood Grange, 6:15 p.m.-9 p.m.

Barn Meeting, Northeastern Pa., Chas. Jr. and Sandra Keating farm off Rt. 348, 10 a.m.-noon, and D. Ellis and Daisy Dix Farm on Dix Road, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., (717) 253-5970, ext. 239.

Friday, March 8

Bradford and Tioga Grazing Conference, Troy Fire Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (570) 724-9120.

Maryland Holstein Association State Convention, thru March 9, Wilhelm Caterer's, Westminster, Md.

5th Annual Gala Dinner and Wine County Auction at Casa Largo Vineyards, Fairport, N.Y., (315) 787-2417.

Advanced QuickBook Training, Computer Training Center, Crawford County Industrial Park, Meadville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Milking School, LeRoy and Mary Bergbigler's Dairy Farm, Butler, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Western Pa. Beekeeping Seminar, Penn State Beaver Campus, Monaco, also March 9.

Grazing Conference, Troy Fire Hall, 9 a.m., (717) 724-9120.

Saturday, March 9

"Grape Expectations," A Viticultural and Encological Symposium, Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, N.J., (609) 758-7311.

Garden Wine Conference, York Suburban High School, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., (717) 840-7408.

4-H Livestock Awards Night, Dauphin County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center, Dauphin.

"Using QuickBooks to Manage Your Farm Finances," Westfield Academy and Central School, Westfield, N.Y., 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., also March 16.

Winning Ways Clinic, Penn State Agricultural Arena, 8 a.m., thru March 10, (814) 865-5491.

Sunday, March 10

26th Wineries Unlimited, Lancaster Host Resort, thru March 13, (800) 535-5670.

State Legislative Leadership Conference, Holiday Inn, Hershey, thru March 12, (717) 705-9551.

Monday, March 11

Poultry and Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, noon.

Ohio Grazing School, Mrs. Yoder's Restaurant, Mt. Hope, Ohio, (330) 264-8722.

Pa. State Council of Farm Organization Annual Meeting and Convention, East Wing Capitol Building, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Total Maximum Daily Load Environmental Regulations Conference and Exhibition, Radisson Plaza Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, thru March 13.

Northwest Dairy Nutrition Workshop 2, Warren County Extension Office, Youngsville.

Heifer Workshop, Tom Smith Farm, Greenville, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., (814) 782-0034.

Tuesday, March 12

Tuesday Talk Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, Va., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bucks County Extension Pasture Management Short Course, Neshaminy Manor Center, Doylestown, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Also March 19 and 26 and April 2 and 9.

North Central Vegetable Meeting, Pleasant Gap, (570) 726-0022.

Immunization Program, Clarion County Park, Shippensburg, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Equine Barn Managers' Short Course, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Bethlehem Holiday Inn, (908) 475-6503.

Horse Pasture Short Course, Montgomery 4-H Center, Creamery, 6:30 p.m., (610) 489-4315.

Ohio State University Livestock Mortality Composting Training Program, First United Methodist Church, Salem, Ohio, (330) 424-7291.

Fulton County Crops Day, (717) 485-4111.

Giddy Up Horse Club Demonstration Day, Curfew Grange, 2 p.m.

Workshops Set For Livestock, Dairy Producers

MARTINSBURG (Blair Co.) — Two workshops targeted toward livestock and dairy producers will be conducted March 5 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg.

Dr. Bhushan Jayarao, extension veterinarian from the Dept. of Veterinary Science at Penn State, will be the presenter at both workshops.

The first workshop is titled "Detecting Defects in Raw Milk." It will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:45 p.m. Participants of this workshop will learn how

to detect the most common milk defects, how to identify causes of milk flavor/taste problems, and ways to correct these problems.

The second workshop is titled, "Occupational Health Issues in Animal Agriculture." It will begin at 8 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. The focus of this presentation will provide the audience with information on diseases that can be transferred from livestock to humans. Topics to be covered include a review of diseases that can be acquired from a farm setting, unique risks to pregnant

women, prevention methods, and information on where to seek assistance or get additional information.

The cost to attend both workshops is \$5 per person, or \$3 to attend only one of the workshops. This fee can be paid at the door, but please call or send an e-mail by March 4 to preregister and to insure adequate materials. Call the extension office in Cambria County at (814) 472-7986 or send an e-mail message at cambriaext@psu.edu.

Workshop To Introduce Organic Certification

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania organic farmers will conduct an introductory workshop on organic certification, Wednesday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Farm Show Complex, Room B in Harrisburg.

Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) farmers, inspectors and office staff will be on hand to answer questions and help with the initial certification paperwork.

"This is a great opportunity for producers to ask their questions about organic certification in an informal setting," said Leslie Zuck, PCO executive director. "It's also a good time to be going organic because we now have cost-share programs to help pay for certification fees and certain conservation practices for transitional farms."

Ms. Zuck will present a workshop on the National Organic Standards. "Even more importantly, new and potential organic farmers can meet and discuss practical farming issues with certified organic producers who are already farming organically," Ms. Zuck said.

"Farmers in Pennsylvania have been producing certified organic crops and livestock for more than 15

years," said Penny Sandoval, PCO certification director. "They have a wealth of knowledge and are generous in sharing their experience with those who are just starting out."

There is no charge to attend the workshop or meeting, but

Bradford Holstein Club To Tour

INTERLAKEN, N.Y. — The annual Bradford County Holstein Club out-of-county tour is scheduled for March 9 at 11 a.m. on the registered Holstein farm of John George and family in Interlaken.

John, his wife, Cindi, and children own and operate the 135 registered Holstein herd with a rolling herd average of 26,800 pounds of milk.

The milking herd consists of eight cows classified excellent

and highlights a superb feeding program that includes the offspring of many well-known sires. Directions from Ithaca: Take Rt. 89 north for 23 miles through the town of Interlaken. Turn

right on Morgan Road after the George farm sign on the right side of Rt. 89.

For more information, please contact tour coordinator, Sandy Crawford, at (570) 395-3447.

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Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference March 9 At Expo Center

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The kick-off of a fund-raising drive for a new Ohio 4-H Center will help mark the 100th birthday of the youth organization at the annual Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference on Saturday, March 9.

"This is a special year for us in a lot of ways," said Jeff King, assistant director of Ohio State University Extension and leader of the Ohio 4-H program.

During the conference, Ohio 4-H'ers and friends will be asked to help raise money to build an Ohio 4-H Center on the Ohio State University campus, King said. The new center will replace the offices that the 4-H program currently occupies in the university's Agricultural Administration Building and provide much-needed program space, he said.

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation and Nationwide Insurance Foundation recently pledged a combined \$4 million challenge grant for the center, King said. For every \$2 raised by 4-H members and volun-

teers, the groups will match \$1. This is in addition to an initial pledge of \$2 million-Nationwide made in September 2000, he said. The Ohio 4-H Foundation has established a \$12 million goal to build the center.

More than 1,500 volunteers involved in Ohio 4-H will attend the March 9 program at the Ohio Expo Center (Ohio State Fairgrounds). The conference includes more than 80 educational sessions to help volunteers learn new skills and share ideas with each other to improve the offerings that 4-H offers youth, ages 5 through 19.

At the Recognition Luncheon sponsored by Bob Evans Farms, Inc., some of the volunteers will be honored for significant contributions they have made during the year.

The conference is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lausche Building at the Expo Center. The Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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