

On-Farm Processing At Reiff Field Day

MIFFLINBURG (Union Co.) — Join the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) and host Eli Reiff and his family in learning about small-scale processing on the farm Wednesday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At this event, participants will look at how the Reiffs have developed a very successful poultry processing operation in compliance with food safety regulations.

The goal of this event is to help all on-farm processors break down the barrier between producer and inspector/regulator. The event will also feature the Reiffs' poultry processing facility and equipment. Reiff will demonstrate his "Poultry Man" equipment — small-scale pluckers and scalders he manufactures for sale.

Additional highlights include composting of the poultry pro-

cessing waste and newly seeded pastures for grazing sheep. Following the noon meal, PASA welcomes John Sworen of the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service. He will discuss the regulations that affect small-scale processors. There will be ample time for question and answer.

The Reiff family farm is a 56-acre farm. They have been farming and custom processing poultry for 22 years. It is a full-time family operation — their six children are integrally involved in the farm. They raise beef, sheep, and poultry; however, their main business is the custom processing of poultry.

Cost to attend is \$10. Payment by cash or personal check is required at the registration desk on day of event, 8:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m. To register, call PASA at (814) 349-9856, ext. 6.

Pasture Walk June 11

NICKLEVILLE (Venango Co.) — A pasture walk sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension of Clarion County is scheduled Tuesday, June 11 at the farm of Matt and Monica Hepler in Nickleville.

The pasture walk will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the farm located next to Hepler's Meats.

The farm, located in Venango County, is home to more than 350 head of pasture-raised cattle. The herd consists of mostly Angus and Hereford breeds along with some Beefmaster cattle and Scottish Highlanders. The Heplers operate a cow/calf to finish operation at their farm, along with a meat processing business.

The farm is located on Rt. 38

in Nickleville, seven miles from Rt. 80 at exit 6. At exit 6, take Rt. 208 to the intersection of Rt. 38 at Gardenscape. Follow Rt. 38 to Hepler's Meats.

From Rt. 322, turn at Hirsch's Meats onto Rt. 338. Go five miles to Hepler's Meats or from Rt. 322, turn onto Rt. 38. Go two and one half miles to Heplers. Signs will be posted the day of the meeting to direct participants to the pasture walk.

The walk will be conducted regardless of the weather. Bring suitable gear in case of inclement weather.

For more information or questions about the program, contact the Clarion County Extension Office at (814) 782-0033.

Beef Quality Symposium June 18 In New Holland

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — A Beef Quality Symposium will be conducted at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland June 18 at 10 a.m.

Speakers and topics include "What is Beef Quality: An Overview," by Dr. Bill Henning, Penn State; "Feeding and Environmental Influences in Marbling," by Dr. Robbi Pritchard, South Dakota State; "Genetic Implications on Beef Quality," by Dr. John Comerford,

Penn State; "Dark Cutters and Maturity Effects on Beef Quality," by Dr. John Scanga, Colorado State University; and "The Influence of Tenderness on Beef Quality," by Henning.

For more information, call Comerford at (814) 863-3661 or Chester Hughes at (717) 394-6851.

Meal costs are covered by the industry. No pre-registration is necessary.

Agriculture Secretary Encourages Pennsylvanians To Minimize Rabies Risk

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes encouraged Pennsylvanians to take steps to minimize the risk of rabies with their pets and in the state's livestock populations.

"Pennsylvania's livestock and pets are valuable members of our farms and households," Hayes said. "It is important that everyone takes the necessary steps to minimize the risk of rabies infecting our domestic animals, not to mention people."

"To that end, the two most important steps we can take are vaccinating our dogs and cats and reducing contact with wildlife."

By law, dogs and cats are required to be vaccinated against rabies at three months of age and receive booster inoculations throughout their lives to maintain vaccinated status.

"Vaccination is one of the best tools we have in the control of this devastating disease," said Dr. John Enck, Pennsylvania state veterinarian. "Although vaccinations are not required in our livestock populations, I encourage all farmers to work with their veterinarians to develop a comprehensive rabies-prevention plan."

Enck said another vital step to reduce the risk of rabies exposure is to minimize contact with wild animals

such as raccoons, skunks and foxes. This is most readily accomplished by denying the wild animals access to food, not stocking "feeding stations," and keeping incidental food sources, such as garbage, in animal-proof containers.

Each year in the commonwealth, hundreds of animals are exposed to the rabies virus. Because the rabies virus is in the saliva of a rabid animal, rabies is most likely transmitted through the animal's bite. The usually fatal virus attacks the nervous system of warm-blooded animals.

Signs of rabies in animals can vary from a very quiet and depressed con-

dition to erratic and aggressive behavior. Noted changes in behavior and temperament are often early signs of the disease.

Enck advises Pennsylvanians to contact the local animal-control officer should they notice stray cats or dogs in the neighborhood or any unusual animal behavior. Domestic animals that have been bitten by a wild animal should be examined by a veterinarian. If an animal bites a person, a doctor should be notified immediately. For information regarding human exposure to rabies, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health at (888) PA HEALTH, or visit the PA PowerPort at www.state.pa.us, PA Keyword: "rabies."

April Pig Crop Up 1 Percent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The April 2002 U.S. pig crop, at 8.57 million head, was 1 percent more than the previous year, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Sows farrowing during this period totaled 965 thousand head, 1 percent above last year. The average pigs per litter for April declined to 8.88, compared to 8.90

last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on May 1, 2002, was 5.99 million head, slightly above May 1, 2001. U.S. sows and gilts bred during April totaled 1.18 million head, up 1 percent from the previous year.

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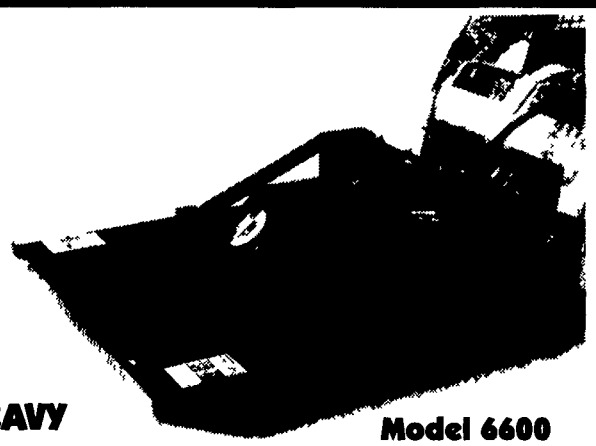
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