

Inspiration, Dedication, Education Part Of Summer Institute

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SHIPPENSBURG (Cumberland Co.) — More than 50 scholars, joined by more than 30 adults and scholar staff completed this year's Mid Atlantic Alliance of Cooperative (MAAC) and Penn State's Summer Institute Wednesday.

Since the first institute conducted in 1961, the conference, which began Sunday and ran through Wednesday, taught the students business, communication, and leadership skills in the framework of learning about and working as a cooperative.

Contests, activities, and speakers throughout the week taught not only the basics of a cooperative but also prepared students for the working world. Students interviewed for jobs, gave speeches, published a newspaper, and prepared a financial statement during the institute.

The institute culminated in a luncheon to recognize the winners of the week's competition and award scholarships to the students who will be traveling to the national institute this July in Chicago.

A chorus and variety show

provided entertainment and a chance for the scholars to showcase their talents. A picnic, dances, and a tour of a nearby cooperative were also part of the week.

On Tuesday Jessica Erickson, last year's National Institute on Cooperative Education (NICE) ambassador, and David Eaves, NICE ambassador alternate, shared their experiences with their peers.

One of the team building exercises included the "MAAC 500," a new event where the students designed, built, marketed, and successfully raced a vehicle made from plastic pipe, duct tape, wheels, and miscellaneous items. Points were awarded for the promotion campaign, design and performance of the vehicle, and cleanup.

A few of the scholars shared short summaries of the institute's events.

For example, the students participated in a group exercise where they were given various business scenarios and were asked to develop plans for gaining revenue and providing member benefits. After the scholars presented their proposals the staff questioned the students about the details of the proposals.

"We learned that to please everyone is nearly impossible, but if everyone works together, the issues will be settled," said Jeff Chapin.

Four members of the 1982 scholar staff, Glen Butters, Jay Clark, Andy Rill, and Lolly Lesher, returned to share thoughts of what they remember from their experiences with the institute. All four had traveled to Fort Collins, Colorado, to participate in the national convention.

"You will remember the fun you had, and that you didn't get much sleep, but mostly you will remember the people," said Lesher.

Rill referred to the opportunity as "a stepping stone, hand up, and pat on the back," and thanked the leaders "that touched our lives back then," he said.

The MINICO award was presented to MINICO 2, "The Dairy Ducks." The group included Amanda Clowney, Corey Free, Kyle Grim, Emily Grove, Stephen Henning, Justin Hershberger, Rebecca Highley, Emily Hotchkiss, Amy Kaucher, Kevin Kreider, Jason Manross, Laura Sheffer, and Phil Weiler.

The Theme Poster Award went to Laura Grove, the Variety

Show award went to Anthony Seymore and also the Maryland and Western Region scholars; the Co-op Weakest Link winner was Regina Lehman; and the "MAAC 500" champion team was "Party Hardy."

Other awards included the Hal Doran Adult Resource Leader

Award, won by Cliff Day; the Viewpoint Award, won by Anthony Seymore; the Walter Loy Examination Achievement Award, won by Matthew Fearnley and Regina Lehman; and the Jay W. Irwin Institute Leadership Awards won by Anthony Seymore and Mary Strasbaugh.

Getting Started In Farming Conference Scheduled

ACRA, N.Y. — On July 13th, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County will be sponsoring "Getting Started in Farming."

The conference will be held at Lange's Groveside Resort on Route 23 in Acra and run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is required in order to attend the conference. Presenters will be personnel representing federal, state, and local agricultural supportive agencies and programs.

Additionally, representatives from financial institutions and funding programs will present information from the business management perspective. Local agricultural producers explaining how some of the programs have worked for them, will round out the slate of speakers.

This conference will offer the beginning farmer an excellent opportunity for:

- an overview of the various types of agriculture in the region and economic potentials

• providing a clearer image of how their own objectives may be realized

• networking with supportive groups, agencies, and fellow farmers

• a better understanding of the business that is agriculture

Additional topics will include:

- agency and organizational programs
- livestock production
- grass-based agriculture
- vegetable-fruit production
- forestry and agroforestry (timber, maple, mushrooms, ginseng)

• greenhouse and horticultural production

• marketing your farm products (farmers' markets, CSAs, consumer direct, agri-tourism)

• business planning and management

Pre-registration is required by July 5. The cost of the conference is \$40 per person. Included in the fee are refreshments, a full lunch, and materials. For additional information, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension 518-622-9820.

Beef, Pork Production Set Record Highs For May

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in May, up 4 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in May 2001 and a new record high for May, according to the National Agricultural Service (NASS).

May 2001 contained 23 week-

days (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. May 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year and a new record high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.15 million head, down 2 percent from May 2001. The av-

erage live weight was 1,223 pounds, up 39 pounds from May a year ago.

Veal production totaled 15.4 million pounds, 3 percent below May a year ago and a new record low for May. Calf slaughter totaled 77,800 head, down 1 percent from May 2001. The average live weight was 330 pounds, down 5 pounds from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.65 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year and a new record high for May. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 5 percent above May 2001. The average live weight was 267 pounds, up 3 pounds from May a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.5 million pounds, was up 16 percent from May 2001. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 284,100 head, 19 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 19.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	May 02 as % of		Jan-May ² 02		2001		2002		% of 01
	May 2001	Apr 2002	May 2001	Apr 2002	Million Pounds	%	Million Pounds	%	
Beef	2,294	2,194	2,336	102	106	10,415	10,907	105	
Veal	16.0	16.1	15.4	97	96	81.0	77.7	96	
Pork	1,555	1,673	1,647	106	98	7,893	8,098	103	
Lamb/Mutton	16.8	19.1	19.5	116	102	96.9	96.2	99	
Total	3,882	3,902	4,018	104	103	18,486	19,179	10	

1 - Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.
2 - Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Chute Training Set For BQA Program

MIDDLETOWN (Dauphin Co.) — On July 5 at Huntingdon Fairgrounds, the Pennsylvania Beef Council will conduct a Chute-Side training session.

Starting time is 6 p.m. The Chute-Side training is the second part of a two-part program that enables producers and others to become certified in the Pennsylvania Beef Quality Assurance program. Training and evalua-

tion provided by extension and industry professionals assist producers in the necessary steps to insure safety and quality of beef.

The Chute-Side training includes information about record-keeping, necropsy show-

ing the effects of incorrect injections and practice in giving injections.

For directions call Tammy Weaver (818) 371-0100 or Stan McKee (814) 287-1660.

Any other questions, or to confirm your planned attendance, contact the Pennsylvania Beef Council at (717) 939-7000 or e-mail pstoops@pabeef.org.

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