

Northeast Ohio Sheep Field Day Set

NEWBURY, Ohio — Ohio State University will sponsor the 2002 Northeast Ohio Sheep Field Day, to be co-sponsored by Shady Hill Farms, Ltd. and FarmMarkets. The field day will be conducted Saturday, July 20 at Shady Hill Farms, 11510 Music Street, Newbury, Ohio 44065.

The field day has been planned with the U.S. sheep industry and U.S. sheepman in mind. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., at which time complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be served.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Roger High, O.S.U. sheep specialist, and Benjamin Calkins, manager

of Shady Hill Farms, Ltd. and co-founder and vice president of FarmMarkets.

From 10:15 a.m. to noon, attendees will participate in programs concerning forages and grazing, hay production and feeding, and manure storage and utilization, taught by Bob Hendershot of Ohio State University, Les Ober of Ohio State University, and Randy James and Al Bonis of Ohio State University.

Lunch will be served at noon. The program will resume at 1 p.m. with a presentation by Benjamin Calkins of FarmMarkets. FarmMarkets is a Northeast Ohio based business that buys premium American lamb from

family farmers using a grid, paying a substantial premium for quality, and a premium price on a level year around basis. Mr. Calkins will explain FarmMarkets, its lamb purchase specifications, and its purchasing grid.

From 1:15 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. attendees will participate in programs on reproduction, scrapie, and sheep health taught by Dr. Kinder of Ohio State University and Dr. Skorupski of USDA.

The Sheep Field Day Program will conclude at 2:30 p.m., at which time attendees will be encouraged to inspect the offering at Shady Hill Farms, Ltd.'s First

Annual Flock Improver Ram Sale. This sale, a first of its kind event featuring 20-25 head of hand selected polled Dorset stud ram prospects, is planned to provide a predictable source of balanced genetics in polled Dorsets. The sale will also feature several outstanding ewe lambs. The sale begins at 2:30 p.m., and will be a public auction. Purchasers of rams in this sale will be given priority as future suppliers to FarmMarkets.

Reservations for the field day are encouraged; reservations and questions should be directed to Benjamin Calkins either by phone at (440) 796-4592 or by mail at 11510 Music Street, Newbury, Ohio 44065.



Beef — 275 pounds of it — was on the menu for affiliates Fulton and Lebanon Valley Farmers Bank's annual Elizabethtown beef roast Wednesday. This year 450 people were expected to attend. The beef roast is the largest of their customer appreciation events, according to Michael Firestine, senior vice president of agriculture lending at Fulton Bank. Above is pictured, from left, Rick Ashby, chairman, president, and CEO of Fulton Bank; Curt Myers, senior vice president of Fulton Bank, commercial lending; and Michael Firestine. Other events sponsored by the banks include a beef roast in Ephrata and Quarryville each year. Along with a new branch opening and a remodeling celebration, these events will add up to a ton of beef served to customers this year, said Firestine. Bank representatives also served 600 ears of corn. Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

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Growing Greener Funding Doubled Program Extended To 2012

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The state budget signed into law by Gov. Mark Schweiker last week doubles the funding committed to the Growing Greener Program to \$1.3 billion, extends the program to 2012 and provides a specific, dedicated source of funding.

"This extraordinary achievement was made possible by the terrific work watershed groups, county conservation districts, local officials and many others are doing to improve their watersheds using Growing Greener funding," DEP Secretary David E. Hess said. "We can now assure that DEP can support these great efforts not only this year, but for the next 10 years through a dedicated source of funding."

The extension and doubling of funding for the Growing Greener Program was made possible by the adoption of a new \$4 per ton tipping fee on solid waste

disposed at Pennsylvania's municipal waste landfills. The first \$50 million of revenue from the fee this fiscal year will go to Growing Greener and next fiscal year and beyond all the revenue generated by the fee will be dedicated to Growing Greener.

"The financial impact of this new fee will be minor — 33 cents a week, less than half the cost of a cup of coffee, for a family of four," said Secretary Hess. "And, nearly half of the revenue will come from residents of New York and New Jersey who dispose of their waste in Pennsylvania! A good deal all the way around!"

"I want to thank Gov. Schweiker for continuing his commitment to the Growing Greener Program and all the legislators who voted for extending the program," Secretary Hess said. "It took real courage on the part of Senate and House members to provide a dedicated funding source for Growing Greener, but their actions will mean clean water for all Pennsylvanians."

Saluting a painful job achieved in difficult economic times, West-

ern Pennsylvania Conservancy President Larry J. Schweiger also acknowledged the Pennsylvania Legislature's continuing commitment to conservation in the 2002-2003 budget. "I applaud the Pennsylvania Legislature and the Governor for protecting Growing Greener while trying to reach consensus on a zero-growth budget," said Schweiger. "The General Assembly enacted Growing Greener into law in 1999, and remains committed to the program."

The vote for increased funding for Growing Greener was not unanimous — 122 to 76 in the House and 28 to 22 in the Senate.

For more information on the Growing Greener Program, visit DEP's Website at: www.dep.state.pa.us (directLINK "Growing Greener") or call (717) 705-5400.





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