Extension Announces Cambria County Crops Day

EBENSBURG (Cambria Co.) — Cambria County Crops Day will be conducted Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the extension office in Ebensburg. The program is being sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and Hines Equipment.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 2:30 p.m. Tentatively, two Core and two Category 1 pesticide applicator credits will be available.

Cost to attend is \$5.00 per person and includes lunch. Preregistration is required by Feb-

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Recently acting Agricul-

ture Secretary Dennis Wolff

urged all Pennsylvania farmers,

growers, and agribusinesses to

participate in the 2002 Census of

The February 3 deadline has

passed and a large number of

Pennsylvania farmers, growers,

and agribusinesses have returned

their forms to the USDA's Na-

tional Agricultural Statistics

Service (Prass) - However there are still some consus forms out-

"Pennsylvania's agricultural

community has a critical stake in

this centue of bestallture," stated Acting Secretary WORE, "All of

agriculture, whether a linge dairy

farm in Bradford County or a

vegetable farm in Lancaster

County, is critical to showing the

importance and contribution of

our farmers, understanding

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ruary 24 to insure adequate materials and meals. To sign up for the meeting call the Extension office at (814) 472-7986. Payment can be made at the Extension office, or mail a check payable to Cooperative Extension, P.O. Box 390, Eben and FA 15931. Persons who do not call ahead to sign up for the meeting will be charged \$10.00 at the door. For more information please call the Cambria Co. Extension office.

Many interesting topics will be presented including: soil

Participation In Ag Census Encouraged

structural changes, and knowing

how to meet the changing needs

of our 21st Century agriculture industry." In December 2002,

over 91,000 agriculture census

forms were sent out across Penn-

Pennsylvania ranks in the top ten

states in response to the 2002

Census of Agriculture. However,

to develop an accurate picture of

Pennsylvania agriculture, it is

vital that all farmers and growers

who have not already returned

their census forms take the time

An accurate report of farm op-

erations in Pennsylvania helps to

formulate a complete, detailed

picture of agriculture in Pennsyl-

This is the 26th Census of Ag-

riculture conducted by USDA's

National Agricultural Statistics

Service (NASS) in conjunction

Secretary Wolff noted that

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compaction, cover crops, pesticide resistant weeds, using the Agronomy Guide, Farm Bill update, and a discussion on nutrient management.

Speakers will include Melanie Barkley, Bedford Co. agronomy extension agent; Sjoerd Duiker, Penn State assistant professor of soil management; Tom Zundel, Blair Co. agronomy extension agent; Lou Kopczyk, Cambria Co. conservation district; Don Saber, Pa. Dept. of Agriculture; and Callista Little, Farm Service Agency.

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Pork Bowl Announces Public Speaking Winners



At the recent Pork Bowl, conducted in Grantville, 14 students competed in the public speaking contest. Pictured are, from left, Dr. John Roberts, judge; Sarah Hemminger, Somerset County, junior winner; Liz Kuebler, Berks County, intermediate winner; and Amber Shollenberger, Berks County, senior winner.

tion of the census, a help line has been established From Colorado Blue Spruce Trees To learn more about the 2002 Censul of Agriculture contact the Pennsylvania Appendix Statis-tics Service at 717-787-3904 and

NEBRASKA CITY (NUM) — Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joing the National Arbor Day Foundation during February

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privacy screen, or as living Christmas frees.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be

replaced free of charge.

Fo become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Febru-ary 28.

Greenhouse, Landscape School Sc

SAYRE (Bradford Co.) -Penn State Cooperative Extension in Bradford County will host a Greenhouse and Landscape School on February 26 at the Patterson **Building** at Guthrie Square in Sayre PA. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be concurrent sessions for both greenhouse growers and landscapers. Landscapers can learn which insect and mite problems that they can expect for 2003 here in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Greg Hoover, extension entomologist from Penn State, will speak to landscapers about insects and insect control. Also on the morning program will be Lee Nelson to speak on perennials in

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the landscape. In the afternoon landscapers will be able to learn tips to help them more effectively prune trees and shrubs, Penn State urban forrester Vinnie Cotrone will lead this workshop.

Al Scala, a consultant with Penn State Seed Company will speak to greenhouse growers. Scala has more than 40 years of experience in the industry and will speak to growers on "Tips for Successful Greenhouse Management." Also on the program for greenhouse growers will be Penn State entomologist Greg Hoover, speaking about beneficial insects and their place in controlling pests in the greenhouse.

In the afternoon Lee Nelson will speak to greenhouse growers on perennials and their selection, care in the greenhouse and point purchase tips.

The cost for the program will be \$25 which includes a hot lunch.

Pesticide credits will be offered for this program: two core pesticide points and two category points for categories 1, 6,18, 22, and 23.

A complete program and sign up form can be obtained by calling the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office at (570) 265-2896. Registrations are due by February 17, 2003. If you have any questions about the program ask for Tom Maloney.

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BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) - There's still time to register for The Appalachian Fruit Growers' meeting that will be conducted on Thursday, February 27, at the Arena Restaurant in Bedford from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration fee is \$20 per person. Preregistration is encouraged. Two core and six category credits will be awarded to licensed pesticide applicators at the completion of the day's program. For additional information or to register, contact the Blair County Extension Office at (814) 940-5989.

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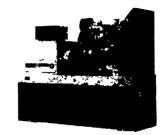
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