

Ceresville New Holland/Sheepman Supply Open House March 15

FREDERICK, Md. — Tired of being cooped in because of snowy weather? Enjoy a day out at Ceresville New Holland/Sheepman Supply Company's Open House here on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with food, demonstrations, door prizes, and good deals for folks interested in farm and livestock equipment and supplies.

The Jefferson United Methodist Men will serve a free pancake and sausage breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Demonstrations are scheduled as follows: 9 a.m. — 50-hour tractor service walka-

round; 11 a.m. — parasite patrol (explanation of wormers); 11 a.m. — repeat of the 50-hour tractor service walkaround.

Throughout the day, Jake Thompson will give continuous demonstrations on animal manager and animal health software for your computer. Art McAlister of York Ag Products will show how Equi-Litter works. Other new products will be included in the demonstrations as well.

A 10 percent discount will be honored for all parts and livestock supplies paid for that day, and other great deals are offered,

such as a \$30 manufacturer's rebate on Oster Clipmaster, Shear-master, and Showmaster animal clippers, pallet specials on sisal and plastic twine, and a pre-season discount on rubber rake teeth.

Can't come on the 15th? Online, faxed, and phone orders for Sheepman Supply supplies will include the discount for March 13-15, and the deals for twine and rubber rake teeth are in effect now through Open House, ending March 15. See the online animal health and supplies Website at www.sheepman.com or call (800) 331-9122.

The fourth annual Silent Auction will be offered on tractors, skidloaders, and other large equipment. Bids for these will be taken from Monday, March 10 through 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. Financing available and tradeback is guaranteed. Other special terms apply.

Door prizes will also be given out throughout the day, courtesy of Ceresville New Holland and

Sheep Supply Company suppliers. Companies represented include Tisco, Kuhn, Dixie Chopper, Rhino, Ryder Supply, Animal Health Publications, Bo-viDr., Hasco, Coburn Company, Howard Card, Wynco, Riverside Plastics, Caprine, and others.

Ceresville New Holland/Sheepman Supply is located on Rt. 26 east just outside of Frederick, Md., at 8102 Liberty Road.

Holstein USA Offers Scholarship

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Dairy graduates pursuing a master's degree in business administration are encouraged to apply for the Holstein Association USA, Inc. Robert H. Rumler Scholarship.

This \$3,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a recipient who has graduated from an accredited agricultural college or university with a bachelor's degree in dairy science or its equivalent. The scholarship may be given to a student at the beginning of an MBA program or a student entering their second year of an MBA program.

The scholarship program was started in 1984 by the Holstein Association USA, Inc. to honor Robert H. Rumler, who led the association as executive secretary for 25 years, while serving a total of 36 years. Upon his retirement, Rumler was named chairman emeritus of the association.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Applicants must have graduated from an accredited agricultural college or university obtaining a bachelor's degree in dairy science or its equivalent.

- The applicant should have ranked in the upper one-third of the agricultural graduates of the college or university granting the applicant's undergraduate degree.

- Significant extracurricular activities as an undergraduate will receive consideration.

- While not a requirement, heavy preference will be given to applicants having had several years of work experience following receipt of a bachelor's degree. Evaluation of leadership qualities, management aptitude and executive intuition and personal traits evidenced during this period will weigh in the selection process.

Previous applicants may reapply. A previous recipient will be eligible for one additional scholarship to complete degree requirements.

Applications for the scholarship are due April 15. To obtain an application, please contact Holstein Association USA, Inc., (800) 952-5200 or e-mail www.holsteinusa.com.

Forum Focuses On Unlocking The Future

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Farmer cooperative leaders and those interested in cooperative affairs have an opportunity to learn more about key industry trends and cutting-edge strategies. The Northeast Cooperative Council will conduct its Cooperative Leaders Forum and 54th Annual Meeting on March 19-20 at The Wyndham Hotel in Syracuse, N.Y. This year's theme is "The Right Combination to Unlocking the Future." The forum is offered in conjunction with CoBank's regional customer meeting.

Bill Hale, president of the Hale

Group, will kick off the forum with a presentation on the "Changing Food Service Industry." He is an acknowledged food industry expert and is well known for the ability to identify emerging trends and new opportunities within the food system.

Other speakers include David Hayes and Joe Getman, attorneys with bond, Schoeneck & King, LLP, addressing the subject of "Best Practices for Governance;" Steve Wright, CEO of Pro-Fac Cooperative will discuss "Restructuring Pro-Fac," and Don Schriver, of Dairy Farmers

of America on "DFA-Investing in Market Access for Member Milk."

Speakers on the CoBANK segment of the program include Doug Sims on operating results for CoBANK, Dr. Dave Kohl speaking about "Megatrends in Agriculture," and Ed Seifried addressing the "The Road to Economic Recovery."

For more information visit the NECC website: <http://www.cooperatives.aem.cornell.edu/events1.html> or contact Brian Henehan, NECC secretary at (607) 255-8800 or bmh5@cornell.edu.

CME Revises Live Cattle Futures Contract

CHICAGO, Ill. — Responding to customer requests, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (CME) has approved a series of revisions to its live cattle futures contract intended to extend the contract's utility to a wider customer base.

The new contract specifications are effective with the December 2003 expiration and include a 25-pound increase in the maximum deliverable live weights to a maximum average weight of 1,350 pounds and a maximum individual weight of 1,400 pounds.

"We convened an Ad Hoc Advisory Group consisting of industry participants and members of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association as well as other users of the live cattle contract," CME Chairman Terry Duffy said. "Their expertise and advice were invaluable as we constructed a contract that is intended to be useful to the broadest constituency of market participants."

"We believe increasing deliverable weights will bring the contract into line with long-term industry trends toward heavier cattle and, thus, its usefulness to hedgers," said CME President and Chief Executive Officer Jim McNulty. "Other revisions to the delivery process are designed to facilitate deliveries for all par-

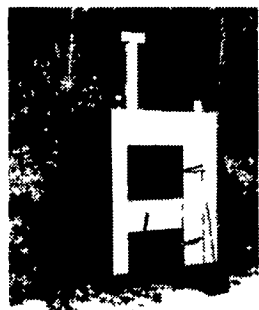
ties involved in the delivery on the CME's live cattle contract."

The revisions include increasing the spot month position limits to 450 contracts between first notice day and the day before the last five business days of the con-

tract month, and additional live graded delivery points at Geymon and Texhoma, Oklahoma. A uniform live grading fee of \$100 will be implemented at all delivery points, also beginning with December 2003 deliveries.

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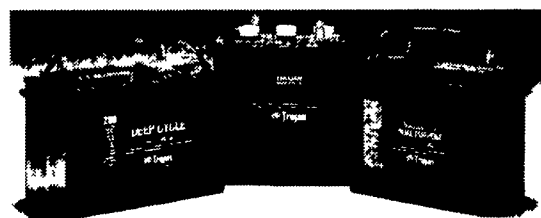
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