

PCA Banquet Scheduled

STATE COLLEGE, (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (PCA) awards banquet has been scheduled for Thursday, March 27, at Celebrations Hall, near the Nittany Mall, State College.

The festivities will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. Cattle producers will be recognized during this special evening for several awards including the Industry Service Award, Commercial Cattleman, Seedstock Breeder, and Cattle Feeder of the Year. Producers will also be recognized with the Environmental Stewardship Award for their dedication to preserving agriculture and the environment for future generations.

In addition, the 2003 Cattlemen's Beef Ambassadors will be announced and three scholarships for college undergraduates will be presented. There will also be special award presentations by organizations affiliated with PCA.

Banquet reservations should be made by March 21 by calling or faxing the PCA office at (814) 238-5888 or e-mailing llw@psu.edu. More information about PCA, the PA Beef Expo and other beef industry activities can be reviewed on the PCA Website: www.pacattle.org.

The PCA Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Awards Banquet. New directors will be elected at this time. Nominations for the PCA Board of Directors should be forwarded to the PCA Office, 862 Webster Drive, State College, PA 16801. Nominees must be members of PCA

The PCA Awards Banquet will kick off the 2003 Pennsylvania Beef Expo which includes the

trade show, performancetested bull sale, purebred female sales, and several iunior events including the beef skill-a-thon, beef quiz bowl, junior heifer and

2003 Summer Cattlemen's Field Day Scheduled

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — The 2003 Summer Cattle-men's Field Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, with the main location at EM-TRAN, Elizabethtown, with tours later in the day of the Dwight Hess feedlot, and Donegal Stream where there are unique environmentally-fr endly enhancements to stream bank and related improvements.

The field day presentations will include some of the technological advances in practicing artificial insemination and embryo transfer in both beef and dairy cattle, and will emphasize some of the improvements in synchronizing and detecting estrus. Cyagra, the parent company of EM-TRAN, is also internationally known for livestock cloning and preservation. The latter topics will be discussed and demonstrated via video recording.

The tentative program includes information on legislative/ regulatory issues, new estrous detection methods, ova transfer, and the reason, bioethics, and methods of farm animal cloning.

Cloning benefits and risks will be addressed. The day is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, Pennsylvania. Angus Association, and the Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition.

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