

# National Holstein Convention

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airport exit is less than two miles. Or, to get to Charlotte/Douglas from Winston-Salem, take I-40 West (or Business 40 West to I-40 West) to I-77. In Charlotte, take Exit 6B to Billy Graham Parkway. The airport exit is approximately five miles.

Take Airport Connector Road out of Charlotte Airport. Road will fork. Veer to left to Billy Graham Parkway to I-85 North. From I-85 North take I-77 North to Statesville. From Statesville, take I-40 East. When approaching Winston-Salem, I-40 will split. Take the business I-40 (left lanes) to downtown Winston-Salem. Take Cherry Street exit. Turn onto Cherry St. (one way road). The Adam's Mark Winston-Salem is located 4 blocks north.

To Winston-Salem

Exit the airport and take either I-77 North or I-85 North. I-77 North leads you to I-40 East to Winston-Salem. I-85 North leads

On behalf of the North Carolina Holstein Association I would like to invite you to participate in the 2003 Golf Outing to be held on Sunday June 22, 2003 during the Holstein USA National Convention in Winston-Salem.

Place	Tanglewood Golf Course Professional Course	
Date	June 22, 2003	
Time	7:30 AM - Tee Times Front and Back	
Cost	\$70.00 (includes: greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes)	
Format	Best Ball	
Prizes	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Team	\$400
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Team	\$300
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Team	\$200
	Hole in One	TBA

We hope you will be able to join us in a fun day on a beautiful and challenging course. For further information please contact David McAuley at 1122 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Okeechobee Florida 34974 Cell (863) 634-9733, Home & Fax (863) 357-3353. E-mail [mcauley\\_d@msn.com](mailto:mcauley_d@msn.com)

you to U.S. 52 North to I-40 West or Business 40 West. Driving time is approximately an hour and 15 minutes, either route.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport

From Winston-Salem

Take I-40 East to exit 284 or 285.

To Winston-Salem

Exit the airport and follow the signs to I-40 West. Follow I-40 all the way to Winston-Salem, or take the Business 40 loop. Driving time is approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

## ADULT TICKET ORDER FORM

2003 National Holstein Convention  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
June 21-24, 2003



**Registration Deadline: May 16, 2003 (No forms accepted after June 2, 2003)**

### Saturday, June 21, 2003 - Pre-Convention Tours

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Billmore House Tour, Winery & lunch No \_\_\_ @ \$75 = \_\_\_  
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Moravian History Tour - Bethabara, Old Salem & lunch No \_\_\_ @ \$45 = \_\_\_

### Sunday, June 22, 2003 - Host Day

7:00 a.m. Golf Tournament - Tanglewood PGA Course No \_\_\_ @ \$70 = \_\_\_  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour A - Rocky Creek Dairy, Sunny Hill Farm, Vineyard Stop & lunch No \_\_\_ @ \$30 = \_\_\_  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tour B - Buttke Enterprises, Maple View Farm, Race Stop & lunch No \_\_\_ @ \$30 = \_\_\_  
Note: Please select 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Tour \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Tour \_\_\_\_\_  
7:00 p.m. President's Reception & Opening of Trade Show (hors d'oeuvres) No \_\_\_ @ \$20 = \_\_\_

### Monday, June 23, 2003

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ladies Day Brunch - Tour Reynolda House No \_\_\_ @ \$35 = \_\_\_  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pre-Sale Barbecue No \_\_\_ @ \$15 = \_\_\_

### Tuesday, June 24, 2003

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Convention Banquet (social at 6:30 p.m.) Beef No \_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_  
Chicken No \_\_\_ @ \$40 = \_\_\_

Calf Raffle Tickets 1 @ \$2.00 or 6 @ \$10.00 No \_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_ = \_\_\_

Late Registration Fee (May 16 - June 2) **No refunds after June 2, 2003** No \_\_\_ @ \$25 = \_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "NC Holstein Association Convention" and send with this completed form to Kenneth Vaughn, Holstein Convention, 705 Oakdale Drive, Statesville, NC 28677

Any questions contact Registrar Chairperson Jean Keck (336) 685-4778

Transportation Information  
If you will be flying

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

Airport \_\_\_\_\_

Airline & Flight # \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Airport \_\_\_\_\_

Airline \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if arriving by group bus  
 Check here if you have a disability and may require accommodations

Registrant's Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a delegate? \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) as you wish them to appear on badge(s)

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## USDA-NRCS Seeks Info From Technical Service Providers

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) seeks information on market prices for conservation technical services from existing and potential technical service providers during the next several weeks.

"The pricing information we collect will help us establish payment rates for existing and potential technical service providers," said Robin Heard, NRCS state conservationist for Pennsylvania. "USDA needs this information to ensure that providers receive fair market prices for the services they perform."

The 2002 Farm Bill expanded the availability of technical assistance to producers by encouraging the use of third parties, called technical service providers, to help landowners meet their conservation goals.

This process allows USDA to provide more resources for technical assistance from private and nonprofit sectors and state and local governments. As a result, producers can select NRCS or technical service providers to help them meet their conservation goals.

USDA is seeking sources of certified technical service providers and costs for the technical services they provide by March 30. Conservation technical services include conservation planning and the design, layout, installation, and review of approved conservation practices.

The work completed by these technical service providers must meet NRCS standards and specifications, program requirements, and relevant laws and regulations.

Respondents can submit information via the Internet, e-mail, and regular mail. Please submit information online at <http://tspcost.sc.gov.usda.gov/> through the "Data Entry" button.

Mail responses can be sent to Edward M. Biggers, Director, Management Services Division, Room 5221-S, USDA-NRCS, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20250.

For more information on becoming a technical service provider in Pennsylvania, begin the registration process at <http://techreg.usda.gov/>, or contact Gary Smith, assistant state conservationist, at (717) 237-2204.

## 2003 Cropping Intentions Being Measured

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Farmers have already started to talk about which crops and how many acres they intend to plant. For example, how much corn will be planted and how does this compare with 2002? In 2002, Pennsylvania farmers planted 1.45 million acres, which was a three percent decrease from 2001.

The Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS), a field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, is responsible for publishing statistics about crop intentions for Pennsylvania. These numbers are based on information gathered from the nationwide March Agricultural Survey. Farmers see direct benefits from this project because it allows producers to make sound planting decisions, based on changes in agricultural markets and planting intentions reported in this survey.

For Pennsylvania we collect information on acreage planting intentions for corn, soybeans, sorghum, winter wheat, oats, and barley; on-farm stocks data for whole grain corn, soybeans, sorghum grain, wheat, oats, and barley; and acres cut and to be cut for dry hay in 2003.

About 1,450 Pennsylvania farmers are being asked to take part in this national effort to measure farmer's planting inten-

tions for 2003. "The participation of Pennsylvania farmers is imperative to ensure that planting intentions, stocks, and hay to be cut are accurately being measured," said Mark Tosiano, State Statistician, of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

The operators, who are randomly sampled, will be mailed a pre-survey letter informing them of the requested information and a sample copy of the questionnaire. The operators will be called or personally visited by an interviewer from February 27 to March 11.

Individual operation information is completely confidential by law. PASS safeguards the confidentiality of all survey responses. The data are only used in combination with reports from other farmers to prepare State and National statistics.

Results from the survey will be available in the Prospective Plantings report from Washington, D.C. March 31, at 8:30 a.m. It will be available on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. The statistics are also available in the Ag Digest. This bi-monthly publication is available from our web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/pa/>. Results from the March Agricultural Survey will be mailed upon request.

## Statewide Video Conference Planned On Rural Development

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Rural Development Council (PRDC) Executive Director Jody Bruckner has announced the PRDC will host the first videoconference for 2003 titled "Pennsylvania's Rural Opportunities for the Future."

This videoconference will begin at 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 4, at 17 interactive sites throughout Pennsylvania, as well as a site in Washington, D.C.

The videoconference will begin

with Congressman John E. Peterson, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and Co-chair of the Congressional Rural Caucus. Congressman Peterson will discuss "Pennsylvania Opportunities through the Congressional Rural Caucus Efforts."

Concluding the conference will be a presentation by Rick Peltz — Alternate Co-chair, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) "An Overview of the ARC and its five goal areas: Education and

Workforce Training, Physical Infrastructure, Civic Capacity Leadership, Dynamic and self-sustaining Economics, and Telecommunications initiative."

"Government can not force change. However, the PRDC is working to aggregate the demand for change" Bruckner said. "This video conference is an example of the high tech digital change coming to rural Pennsylvania. Through the leadership of Govern-

nor Rendell these instruments of change, will enable heretofore isolated citizens to actually have a personal voice directly with government officials."

Scheduled to speak at the videoconference are: Congressman John E. Peterson, Member, U.S. House of Representatives and Rick Peltz, Alternate Co-chair, Appalachian Regional Commission.

Invited to speak are Governor Edward G. Rendell and Congressman Tim Holden, Member,

U.S. House of Representatives.

Attendees may choose any of PRDC's 17 sites: Altoona, Bradford, Butler, Cambridge Springs, Coudersport, Greensburg, Greenville, Harrisburg, Kutztown, Lock Haven, Montandon, St. Marys, Titusville, Waynesburg, Wellsboro, Williamsport, and Washington D.C.

For further information concerning the videoconference, please contact Joyce Hockenberry at (717) 787-1954 or [jhockenber@state.pa.us](mailto:jhockenber@state.pa.us).