

New Livestock Evaluation Center

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"With the new facility and its increased space and capabilities, we are starting a parallel gilt testing program to accompany the boar testing program," Eberly said.

"We already have about 30 goats nominated for our new Meat (Boer) Goat Testing Program."

In addition, "we are in the discussion phase of adopting a steer and/or heifer test."

Newly-hired assistant director Greg Hubbard graduated with a bachelor's degree in agricultural sciences from Penn State in 2000.

Hubbard has a well-rounded livestock background from his family's sheep and cropping operation in Luzerne County, his time with FFA projects in high school, and time spent at Penn State.

He also worked as an animal feed nutritionist for Agway Feed and Nutrition before coming to the Livestock Evaluation Center last November.

"I feel so lucky to be involved with this world-class facility, and I look forward to working with

the livestock producers of the state," said Hubbard.

"Greg brings an enthusiasm and work ethic that is a huge asset to the Livestock Evaluation Center," said Eberly.

According to Eberly, the severe winter has greatly hampered the project, with the extreme cold temperatures, frozen ground, and deep snow.

"It was very difficult for the construction crew, with much of the work needing to be done out in the elements," said Eberly.

The part of the project that is most nearly completed is the hog barn, which was "design built" by Farmer Boy Ag Systems, Inc. of Myerstown, "the only true ag contractor on the project," said Eberly.

The building was designed by Mark Schwager, who works for the Pennsylvania Department of General Services, Bureau of Engineering and Architecture.

In addition, there are nine general contractors who all have sub-contractors. The head contractor is Poole-Anderson Construction.

For more information about the Livestock Evaluation Center call (814) 238-2527.



"The new facility is roughly 80 percent complete," says Glenn Eberly, LEC director. "The hog barn is relatively completed and we already have boars and gilts there."

Rutgers Offers Pasture Short Course

PHILLIPSBURG, N.J. — The maintenance of high quality pastures can afford many positive advantages for area equine, dairy, and livestock growers across the region. Well cared for and maintained pastures not only provide efficient and excellent nutrition for farm animals, but can provide water recharge areas, buffer, or filter strips that assist in the water quality entering streams and aquifers, and in general add a tremendous esthetic value to the farm and the general community. To achieve these attributes, land owners, and practitioners need to understand the dynamics of pasture management and more importantly, how

to implement and apply the basics of sound pasture management.

To achieve these goals, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon and Warren Counties will be offering a five-week intensive "Pasture Management Short Course" featuring a "hands-on" program of selected workshops and lectures. Pasture management issues from stocking rates, rotational grazing, soil sampling, nutrient management, seed types, seeding, stand evaluation, weed control, toxic plants, and numerous other forage related issues will be discussed over the session term.

The program will take place in

the evening from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, Phillipsburg, located at the last exit in New Jersey on I-78. The series is scheduled for April 2, 16, 30, May 14 and May 28 and will cost \$100 per person for the entire session, which will include two soil test kits, The Weeds of the Northeast manual, handouts, instructional materials, and evening refreshments. Husband/wife or owner/manager teams can register and attend as one person, but will only receive one set of materials.

Registration is required and information and registration forms can be acquired by calling either (908) 788-1338 or (908) 475-6503.

Dairy Nutrition, Health Seminar April 1

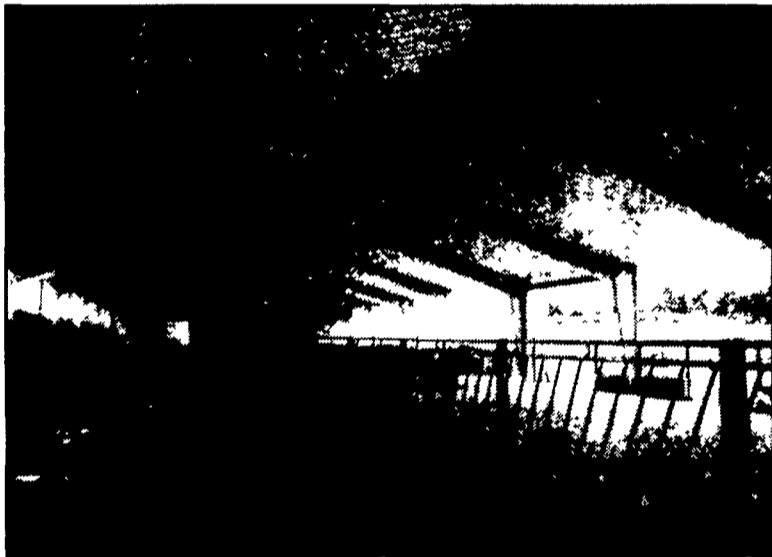
MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.) — Agway Feed & Nutrition is sponsoring a free seminar, Tuesday, April 1, for dairy operators that are concerned about herd health. The Dairy Nutrition & Health Seminar will be held at Perkins Restaurant in Meadville

support veterinarian; Dana I. Harvatine, MS, Agway Feed & Nutrition's dairy technical support specialist; and Aaron Kozak of Westway Feed Products.

Bertoldo will discuss calf health, while Harvatine will address weaning and management

issues, and Kozak will address the nutrition needs of growing heifers.

To register for this seminar, call Agway Dairy Nutrition Specialist Kent Penland at (717) 816-1994 or Diane Porter at (800) 864-1493 by March 28.



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