

Lancaster County Pasture Walks Set

Here's something *Lancaster Farming* subscribers have been waiting for: the 2003 *Lancaster Farming Fair Guide* booklet, scheduled to premier May 24. Thousands of our readers count on *Lancaster Farming* to provide them with the latest fair news during the summer and fall season. You can look toward the fairs with this extensive directory, covering an eight-state region. Planned is a list of fairs and fair association news. Will photos of your family turn up in the book from fairs around the region? Check it out!

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Graziers and Lancaster County Extension have announced the first pasture walks of the season.

All of these pasture walks will take place from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. They afford graziers the opportunity to learn from each other by hearing and observing what other folks are doing. Please pack a lunch, unless otherwise noted. Drinks will be provided by the host farm.

The following pasture walks have been set:

• May 8 — Green Meadows Farm, John K. Fisher and family, 2661 W. Eby Road, Bird in Hand. From Rt. 30 take Rt. 340 east toward Bird in Hand, turn left on Mt. Sidney Rd, right on Horseshoe Rd, and left on W. Eby Road. Farm is 1.5 miles on left.) The Fisher family grazes 35 Jersey cows on 40 acres. The operation is certified organic, with a wholly forage-based ration for the milking cows.

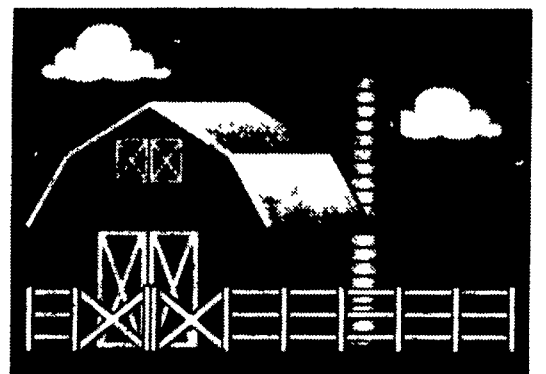
• May 28 — Garber Dairy Farm, Herb, Mark, and Joel Garber, 2167 Bossler Rd., Elizabethtown (717) 367-2141. (From 283 West,

take Rheems/Elizabethtown exit, go left to light at Harrisburg Pike/Rt. 230. Go straight across and stay on Cloverleaf/Colebrook Rd. Take right onto Bossler Rd. Farm is on right past Bossler Mennonite Church.) The Garbers run 140 cows on more than 80 acres of pasture and more than 200 acres of cropland. They use a TMR in conjunction with pasture for the milk herd. Lunch provided by Rohrer's Seeds and Homestead Nutrition.

• June 19 — Arden Landis Farm, 667 Puseyville Rd, Kirkwood (717) 529-6644 (Located two miles south of the Solanco Fairgrounds at the junction of Rt. 472 and Puseyville Rd.) The Landis family runs a seasonal organic dairy, with 90 cows on 120 acres. They have been grazing for ten years. They are using shades, and have some Italian ryegrass test plots on the farm for you to view.

• July 17 — John S. Glick Farm, 2285 W. Elizabethtown Rd., Marietta (717) 665-2010. (From Rt. 283, take Manheim/Mt. Joy Exit, turn right on Rt. 772, left on Brenneman Rd., left on Colebrook Rd., and left on Elizabethtown Rd. to farm on left.) The Glick family grazes 55 cows on more than 40 acres of mixed pastures with shades. They are working to maximize production with limited acreage and inputs, using 20 paddocks and feeding a grain mix to the cattle.

Reservations are appreciated — they will help the host farm make necessary arrangements. For more information and to register, contact the Lancaster County Extension Office at (717) 394-6851. For biosecurity reasons, all who attend are encouraged to wear clean clothes and boots, and stay out of feeding and young stock areas.

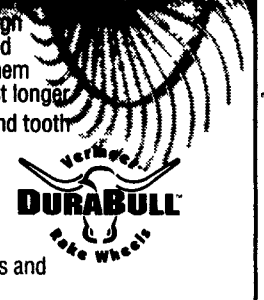


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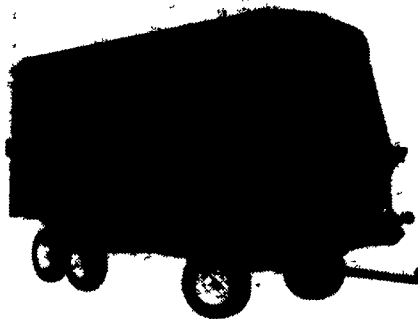


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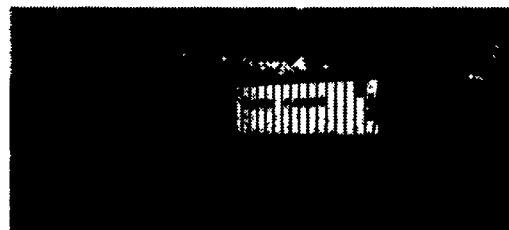
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