

Farm Bureau Announces Contests



The farm press was invited to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau offices last week to hear about a variety of programs. From left, Jeff and P.J. Barnes, District 5 representatives, join Secretary of Agriculture Designee Dennis Wolff and Farm Bureau President Guy Donaldson.

and information in an effort to solve a problem. The Discussion Meet is an exercise in cooperative problem solving with questions, answers, and statements coming from any contestant at any given time.

By participating in the Discussion Meet, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agri-

culture issues, and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

Achievement Award

The American Farm Bureau Federation Achievement Award Program is designed to recognize those young farmers and ranchers that have excelled in their farming/ranching operations and honed their leadership abilities to superiority. The contestants will be evaluated on a combination of their farming operation growth and financial progress of operation, Farm Bureau leadership, as well as leadership outside of Farm Bureau.

More specifically, the judges will be looking for excellence in management, growth and scope of the enterprise and self-initiative that have been displayed throughout the operation. A contestant's participation in Farm Bureau and other organizations is a definite point getter from the judges.

Contestants must meet the following criteria to compete:

- Members in good standing with their county Farm Bureau.
 - Contestants shall be voting members between the ages of 18 and 35. Individual or spouse shall not have reached their 36th birthday by January 31st after the AFBF Annual Convention at which the contest is conducted. Past and Present AFBF YF&R Committee or spouses are not eligible.
 - Contestants must be actively engaged in farming or ranching with the majority of income coming from production agriculture. Applications are available and the deadline is May 1 at the PFB office.
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CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers Program is an outstanding agricultural organization for young people between the ages of 18-35. Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) gives individuals the opportunity to meet new friends who share similar interests, discuss problems and issues affecting agriculture and to make a difference with a vote in agriculture through YF&R, Farm Bureau, and legislative involvement.

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Program offers an excellent opportunity for you to participate in activities designed to develop leadership and communication skills, and share in family activities through various motivational, educational, and social activities. Some of these activities are listed here.

Discussion Meet Contest

The Discussion Meet is a contest involving 4-6 contestants who discuss an issue affecting agriculture. The participants responsibility is to exchange ideas

Friday, May 9

Lilac Festival, Rochester, N.Y., thru May 18, www.lilacfestival.com.

Saturday, May 10

Western Pa. Sheep, Lamb, and Goat Sale, Mercer 4-H Park, 5 p.m.

Spring Scavenger Hunt, Ludwig's Corner Riding and Driving Club, Marsh Creek State Park, 9 a.m.-noon, (610) 827-7780.

Beekeeping Short Course, Dauphin County extension center, Dauphin, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Open House Livestock Processing Plan, Oak Hill, N.Y., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., (518) 765-3512.

Keystone Palomino Exhibitors Association Benefit Auction, Windy Hill Farm, Lititz, (717) 627-2263.

MAAFS Judging School, Frederick, Md. Fairgrounds, (301) 662-8025.

4-H Beef, Goat, Horse Workshop, Frederick, Md. Fairgrounds, (301) 694-1594.



FARM CALENDAR

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Corry Dairy Producers Group, Marlene's Restaurant, Corry, 10 a.m., (814) 825-0900.

Erie County Dairy Producers Group, Erie County extension, 8 p.m., (814) 825-0900.

Pa. Project Grassland Evaluation Contest, Rockspring.

Schuylkill County Fair Mountains of Memories event, Schaeffer's Harley Davidson/Buell, Orwigsburg, 10 a.m.

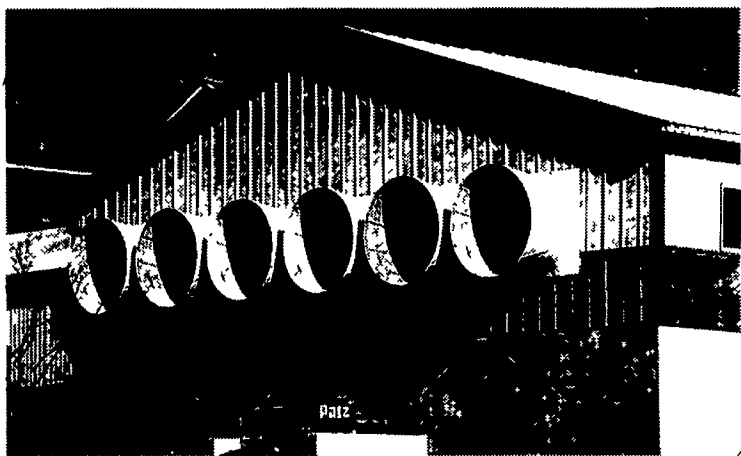
Thursday, May 8

Lancaster County Pasture Walk, Green Meadows Farm, John K. Fisher and family, Bird In Hand, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Maryland Pasture Walk, Cove Mt. Farm, Franklin County, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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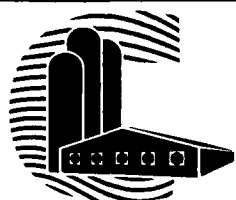
Evaporative Cooling for Dairy Tie-stall Barns

The use of evaporative cooling for livestock and poultry in the northeast United States has been gaining acceptance in recent years. The main reason being that producers now understand that during the hottest part of the day, the relative humidity is often very low, which allows for the effective use of evaporative cooling. Since many tie-stall dairy barns now use tunnel ventilation systems for hot weather, dairy farmers can further enhance their hot weather ventilation by adding evaporative cooling pads. These systems work hand-in-hand to increase the amount of heat removed from the cow due to the high air speeds. The cost of the cooling system is minimized when designing it for tunnel ventilation compared to a cross-flow ventilation system.

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