

# Dairy Producers, Agribusinesses Invited To Attend CWT Meetings

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Several of the Northeast's major dairy cooperatives have joined together to host informational meetings on the (Cooperatives Working Together) (CWT) program.

The meetings are open to all dairy producers and agribusiness professionals who are interested in learning more about the details of this national program.

CWT was developed through the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) with input from dairy producers from across the country. Dairylea Cooperative, Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), Agri-Mark, St. Albans Cooperative, Allied Federated Cooperatives, Inc., Conesus Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association, Oneida-Madison Milk Producers Co-op, Cortland Bulk Milk Producers

Co-op, and other cooperatives have worked collectively to set up meetings across the Northeast.

The CWT Program is a multi-dimensional, farmer-led and farmer-funded program created to improve milk prices by addressing supply and demand imbalances. There is an oversupply of milk of between four and five billion pounds. The CWT program will work to achieve its goal by providing incentives for increased butter and cheese exports and to encourage farmers to voluntarily reduce milk production.

Regional supply issues have been taken into consideration in development of the CWT program. The program will guard against a disproportionate loss of production capacity on a regional basis.

The 32 cooperative members of NMPF are expected to formally

approve and commit to investing in the program when they meet on May 9. The members of NMPF collectively market 70 percent of all milk produced in the U.S. Program details are expected to be released following this meeting.

The informational meetings in the Northeast will begin May 14 and continue through the end of the month. Additional meetings could be added in June and the cooperatives would publicize those meeting dates and locations when scheduled. All dairy producers, including members of the cooperatives hosting the meetings, members of other cooperatives, and independent producers are encouraged to attend along with members of the agribusiness community.

For additional information on the CWT program, visit

www.nmpf.org or Dairy producers and agribusinesses can call this number for the current week's meeting times and locations as well as basic program information.

## CWT Informational Meeting Schedule

New England	Date	Location	Time
Sheldon VT	5/14	Abbey Restaurant Rte 105	7:30 PM
Norwich CT	5/14	Ramada Inn, 10 Laura Blvd	7:30 PM
Middlebury VT	5/15	American Legion Boardman St	7:30 PM
Wells River, VT	5/16	Warners Gallery Restaurant 2284 Rt 302	10:00 AM
Waterville, ME	5/19	John Martin's Manor, 54 College Ave	7:30 PM
Bangor ME	5/20	Holiday Inn, 500 Main St	7:30 PM
Newport VT	5/20	Eastside Restaurant Lake Rd	7:30 PM
Lakeville, CT	5/20	Interlaken Inn, 74 Interlaken Rd	7:30 PM
Manchester Center VT	5/21	VFW, 280 Depot St	7:30 PM
Concord NH	5/27	Holiday Inn 172 N Main St	7:30 PM
Hatfield MA	5/28	American Legion, 1 Prospect St	7:30 PM
<b>New York</b>			
Little Falls	5/14	Best Western, 20 Albany St	7:30 PM
Waterloo	5/14	Holiday Inn, 2468 NYS Rte 414	7:30 PM
Oneonta	5/15	Holiday Inn, Rte 23 Southside	7:30 PM
Cortland	5/16	NYS Grange, 100 Grange Place	7:30 PM
Owego	5/16	Treadway Inn, 1100 State Rte 17C	10:00 AM
W Chazy	5/19	Miner Institute, Minder Farm Rd, W of exit 41	7:30 PM
Canton	5/20	Best Western, 90 E Main St	9:30 AM
Batavia	5/22	Holiday Inn Park Rd	7:30 PM
Watertown	5/27	Best Western, 300 Washington St	7:30 PM
Morrisville	5/28	SUNY Morrisville, Rte 20	7:30 PM
Lowville	5/28	Elks Club Lodge, 5600 Shady Ave	9:30 AM
Falconer	5/28	Ross Grange Hall, Rte 394	7:30 PM
Greenwich	5/29	Elks Club Lodge, Rte 40	7:30 PM
Kanona	5/29	Tally Ho Restaurant W Main St	10:00 AM
Cuba	5/29	VFW, 5276 Rte 305	7:30 PM
Middletown	6/2	Holiday Inn 68 Crystal Run Rd	7:30 PM
<b>Delaware</b>			
Hartley	5/15	Hartley Fire Hall	10:00 AM
<b>Maryland</b>			
New Midway	5/28	New Midway Fire Hall 12045 Woodsboro Pike	10:00 AM
Oakland	5/28	Pleasant Valley Community Center, 975 Joni Miller Rd	7:30 PM
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
Ulysses	5/14	First Citizens Bank 502 Main St	7:30 PM
Peach Bottom	5/15	Peach Bottom Inn 6085 Delta Rd	7:30 PM
Martinsburg	5/15	Morrison Cove Memorial Park, 201 S Walnut St	7:30 PM
Bellville	5/15	Bellville Livestock Market	10:00 AM
Mount Joy	5/16	Acom Conference Center, 895 Mount Joy Rd	10:00 AM
Millheim	5/16	Millheim Fire Hall, Rt 45	7:30 PM
New Holland	5/20	Yoders Restaurant 14 S Tower Rd	10:00 AM
Intercourse	5/20	Harvest Drive Restaurant, (Family Cupboard) 3370 Harvest Dr	7:30 PM
Greencastle	5/22	Rotarian Building Rte 11	7:30 PM
Williamsport	5/23	Pine Run Grange Hall, Rte 394	7:30 PM
Georgetown	5/27	Bar Firehall	7:30 PM
Whitneyville	5/28	Tioga County Fairgrounds Rte 6	10:00 AM
Elk Lake	5/28	Elk Lake Fire Hall	7:30 PM
Towanda	5/29	Towanda Country Club, RR 6	10:00 AM
Lebanon	5/30	Expo Center, 2120 Cornwall Rd	7:30 PM

## Penn State Instructor Receives Award

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Dale Olver, instructor in dairy and animal science, has received the 2003 Excellence in Academic Advising Award from Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society. The award recognizes faculty for outstanding service to students in academic advising, career planning and personal counseling.

Olver, co-advisor of the Dairy Science Club, is coach of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team. He advises approximately 25 undergraduate students per year, and he works with eight to 20 undergraduates each year in independent studies/teaching assistant activities.

He teaches courses in animal science, dairy judging, dairy cattle production and management, dairy cattle evaluation and selection, and dairy science that are taken by hundreds of students

each year.

Olver also works with youth involved in 4-H dairy programs. He provides leadership to the state 4-H dairy program and coordinates several 4-H dairy events, such as the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show.

In addition to receiving high praise from a host of students he currently advises, Olver — who will receive an engraved brass plate and \$1,000 honorarium at Penn State's commencement ceremonies — got support from a

number of colleagues and past students.

"Whether it is taking extra time to make sure that each student understands his or her role in an extracurricular activity, or pursuing outside parties to enrich the learning experience of the student, Dale ignores the clock when it comes to developing student leaders," said Kirk Sattazahn, central marketing manager for Select Sire Power of Rocky Mount, Va., and a former Dairy Science Club member.

## Southeast Regional Twilight Fruit Growers Meeting Planned

POTTSVILLE (Schuylkill Co.) — Fruit growers and individuals interested in growing fruit are invited to the twilight meeting sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Jersey Acres Farms, Inc., 1615 Panther Valley Road, Pine Grove. This meeting will qualify for update credits toward pesticide recertification.

Dr. Greg Krawczyk, Penn State Extension Entomologist from the Biglerville Fruit and

Extension Research Center, will give an update on insects found in orchards.

Tom Callahan, Director of Sales, Adams County Nursery, Inc., will discuss apple tree rootstocks. Also, a sprayer calibration demonstration will be conducted.

For additional information contact George Perry at (570)

622-4225, Penn State extension horticulture agent.

## Woodland Tour Set

BEDFORD (Bedford Co.) — Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies, the organization well known for the annual forestry conference it sponsors in late winter, has planned three woodlot-related programs free of charge to the public.

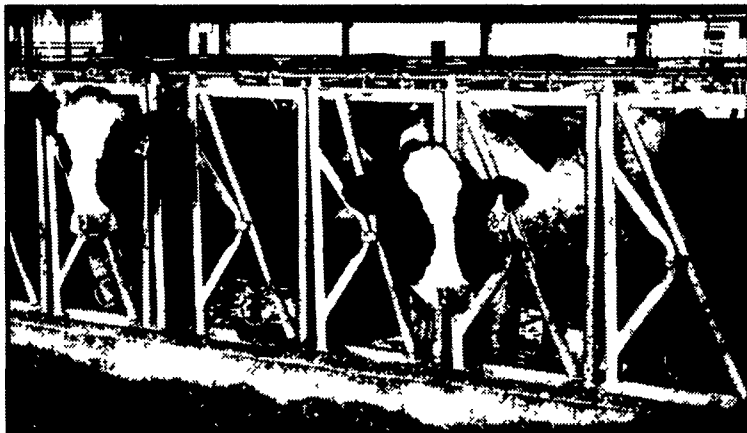
Thursday, May 22, a tree thinning tour has been planned with Dave Scamardella of the Bureau of Forestry as he marks the trees to be cut for a thinning and explains why he chose those trees. The tour will take place on the property of John and Judy Herr outside Everett. It will begin at 11 a.m. and be limited to 20 persons.

Participants are asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. Refreshments will be provided. Contact John Herr at (814) 735-3855 or our house@pennswoods.net.

The two other programs planned will focus on identifying trees, with and without leaves. The first tour is scheduled for August 20 near Mann's Choice. The other will take place in the fall.

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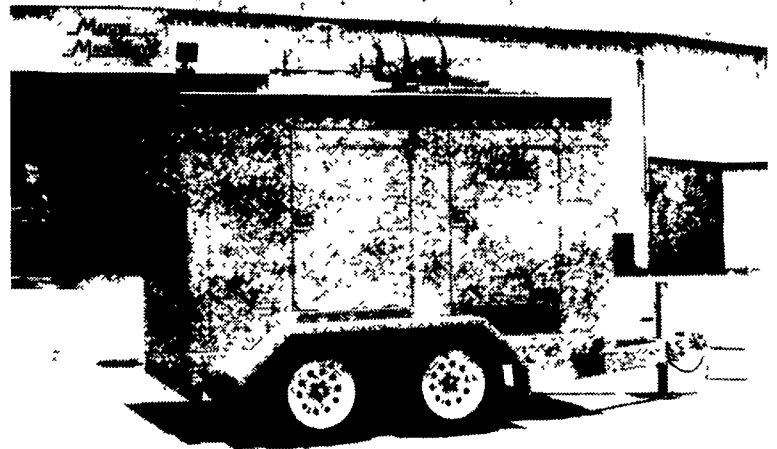


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