

# All-American Dairy Show 2003 Schedule Of Events

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — The 40th anniversary All-American Dairy Show will be conducted September 20-25, 2003 in the brand new Farm Show Complex. Many events have been scheduled for this exciting celebration and appreciation of the dairy industry.

Shows, competitions, sales, social events, the most opportunities for youth at any national event, dairy antiques and collectibles show, and much, much more await everyone during All-American Dairy Week.

Contact the dairy office at (717) 787-2905 for more information.

## Rendell Administration Announces First Loans

**HARRISBURG** (Dauphin Co.) — On behalf of Gov. Edward G. Rendell, Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Yablonsky and Acting Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff announced two loans each for \$175,000 to the Monsour Sheep Farm in Bedford County and the Lady Moon Farms, Inc., in Franklin County through the Small Business First Fund (SBF). These funds mark the first loans awarded to a production agriculture business through the SBF program.

The SBF program, an economic development tool utilized by local area loan organizations across the state, provides low-interest loans of up to \$200,000 for businesses with 100 employees or fewer.

"The Rendell Administration is committed to partnering with organizations and businesses to strengthen our communities and our economy," Yablonsky said. "The Monsour Sheep Farm and Lady Moon Farms are great examples of that commitment to Pennsylvania agriculture. This year, the Small Business First program will provide a total of up to \$30 million in low-interest loans. Our investment in projects like this demonstrates our dedication to the expansion and retention of small businesses across the commonwealth."

"The Department of Agriculture is pleased that the Monsour Sheep Farm and Lady Moon Farms have been selected for a Small Business First loan," Wolff said. "Hopefully, more agricultural operations will benefit from this excellent program. These loans mark an historic turning point in the commonwealth, recognizing agriculture as a business and providing farmers the opportunity to participate in the economic development program of Pennsylvania."

Monsour Sheep Farm, a 400-acre sheep farm founded in 1978 in Bedford County, hosts a closed flock of more than 1,000 ewes and lambs. The farm employs 10 workers and has a production philosophy that encourages use and reuse of natural resources. Its seasonal management cycle includes lambing in the spring, shearing in the summer, pasture rotation, and winter-feeding. The SBF funds will be used to purchase 115 acres of land and to expand the flock of cheviot ewes to 200 animals.

"Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission is pleased to be able to offer such a unique financing solution to the area's production farms through the expanded Small Business First program," Scott D. Mazey, director, business lending services, Southern Alleghenies Planning Commission. "Agricultural enterprises like Monsour Sheep Farm play an important role in the overall health and growth of the region's economic base."

Lady Moon Farms, Inc., the largest certified organic vegetable farm on the East Coast, was started in Snyder County in 1987. The operation

moved to Franklin County in 1997 and was incorporated in January 2001. They operate on 340 acres at three different parcels within Franklin County.

Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) requested the SBF funds to assist with the purchase and installation of an irrigation system. This loan will allow the retention of 30 existing employees and the creation of six new full-time jobs.

"The FCADC is pleased to be working with Lady Moon Farms, given that support for the retention and expansion of agricultural endeavors is integral to our comprehensive economic development strategy," said Mike Ross, president, FCADC.

The SBF program is designed to stimulate the expansion and assist in the retention of small businesses for the purpose of creating new jobs and retaining existing jobs in Pennsylvania. SBF provides low-interest loans for small businesses for land and building purchases and construction, machinery and equipment, and working capital.

Businesses interested in applying for funds through the Small Business First program must submit their loan application to the Area Loan Organization (ALO) that services the area where the borrower's business is located. An ALO is a non-profit corporation that the commonwealth has empowered to make loans. The ALO is responsible for approving and recommending projects to the commonwealth.

For more information about the Small Business Loan Program, visit DCED's Website at [www.invent-pa.com](http://www.invent-pa.com).

### 2003 SCHEDULE ALL-AMERICAN DAIRY SHOW

#### Saturday, September 20

9:00 am to 5:00 pm — All-Dairy Antiques & Collectibles Show, Dairy Activity Center  
6:30 pm — Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Pageant, Radisson Penn Harris Hotel

#### Sunday, September 21

10:00 am to 5:00 pm — All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show, Dairy Activity Center  
1:00 pm — Youth Showmanship Contest, Large Arena  
5:00 pm — Senior Division Fitting Competition, Sale Arena  
6:00 pm — Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeders Meeting & Social, Room D  
7:00 pm — Pennsylvania Ayrshire Youth Meeting & Social, Room E  
7:00 pm — Pennsylvania Junior Jersey Meeting, Room C  
7:00 pm — Careers and Opportunities Night, Dairy Activity Center

#### Monday, September 22

8:00 am to 5:00 pm — All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show, Dairy Activity Center  
8:00 am — Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Contest (4-H, FFA and Collegiate), Sale Arena  
8:00 am — Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show, Large Arena  
7:00 pm — Judging Contest Awards Banquet, Harrisburg-Hershey Marriott

#### Tuesday, September 23

8:00 am to 5:00 pm — All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show, Dairy Activity Center  
8:00 am — All-American Ayrshire Show, Equine Arena  
9:00 am — Pennsylvania Fall Holstein Championship Show, Equine Arena  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm — "Meet a Cow" Day, Maclay Street Lobby  
9:30 am — Junior Dairy Management Contest, Second Floor, Main Building  
10:00 am — Pennsylvania 4-H and FFA Dairy Judging Forum, Sale Arena  
12:00 Noon — All-American Milking Shorthorn Show, Large Arena  
12:00 Noon — Eastern National Brown Swiss Show, Bulls, Calves and Heifers, Large Arena

#### Wednesday, September 24

8:00 am to 5:00 pm — All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show, Dairy Activity Center  
8:00 am — Eastern National Brown Swiss Show, Cow Classes, Large Arena  
9:00 am — National Guernsey Show, Large Arena  
12:00 Noon — Red and White Show, Equine Arena  
12:00 Noon — Eastern National Holstein Show, Calves and Heifers, Equine Arena  
5:30 pm — All-American Awards Buffet, Banquet Hall  
7:00 pm — 40th Anniversary All-Breed Sale, Sale Arena

#### Thursday, September 25

8:00 am to 3:00 pm — All-Dairy Antiques & Collectibles Show, Dairy Activity Center  
8:00 am — Mid-Atlantic Regional Jersey Show, Equine Arena  
10:00 am — Eastern National Holstein Show - Cow Classes, Equine Arena

\*\*\*\*\*Youth Supreme Champion and Open Supreme Champion (selection immediately following the Holstein and Jersey shows), Equine Arena

## 'Show & Tell' At Historical Program

**CHURCHTOWN** (Lancaster Co.) — The Caernarvon Historical Society will host a "Show & Tell Night" here at 7 p.m. at the Caernarvon Township Municipal Building adjacent to the Churchtown Fire Hall on Rt. 23 on Wednesday, May 14.

Members and nonmembers are invited to attend and "show and tell" about the photo, diary, or other heirloom or keepsake that has been handed down from generation to generation in their family.

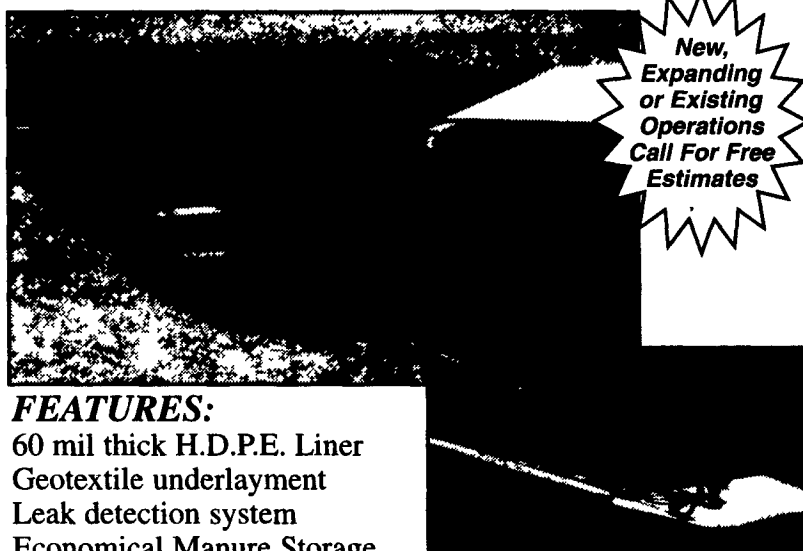
The evening will begin with a

tour of a springhouse and smoke house built in the 1800s located on property just east of Churchtown. The tour will begin in the rear parking lot of the Municipal Building at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Betty Martin at (717) 445-5614.

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