

## 34 More Pennsylvania Farms Approved For Preservation

HARRISBURG (Dauphin co.) — Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C. Wolff recently announced that the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board approved 34 farms totaling 3,006 acres for preservation at its May meeting.

The latest approvals raise the state preservation totals to 2,166 farms and 255,264 acres since 1989. Lancaster County leads Pennsylvania with 390 farms and 35,036 acres preserved. Berks County follows with 278 farms and 33,212 acres preserved. These totals maintain Pennsylvania's tradition as a leader in farmland preservation in the United States.

To preserve Pennsylvania farmland, the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board purchases the development rights, also called agricultural conservation easements, on farms throughout the Commonwealth. Currently, 53 counties participate in the Farmland Preservation Program.

In addition, the Department of

Agriculture administers the Land Trust Reimbursement Program to further preserve productive agricultural lands. Through this program, 3,249 acres have been preserved by eight trusts.

For more information about Pennsylvania's farmland preservation efforts, please contact the Bureau of Farmland Preservation at (717) 783-3167.

The following farms were preserved at the May 15 meeting of the State Agricultural Land Preservation Board:

#### Easement Purchases:

Berks County: Jacob H. and Florence M. Leiby, Perry Township; Paul E. and Lucinda Moyer, Jefferson Township; Dale L. and Dawn K. Snader, Tulpehocken Township; David R. and Joy H. Stutzman, Greenwich and Richmond Township.

Erie County: Matthew M. and Jill E. Bartlett, North East Township; Clyde and Judith Burnham, North East Township.

Lancaster County: Lowell B. and Daphne A. Fry, Rapho

Township; Graywood Farms LLC, Fulton Township; Haverstick-Fisher, West Lampeter Township; Haverstick-King, West Lampeter Township; Rohrer Dairy Farm, Manor Township.

Lebanon County: Ronald A. and D. Lorriane Royer, South Annville Township; Robert E. Kreider, West Cornwall Township.

Lehigh County: Ida Huhn, Lower Milford Township.

Potter County: Albert and Erin Mitchell, West Branch Township.

Westmoreland County: Robert F. and Barbara Clark; Roy D. and Linda Clark # 1, Unity Township; Robert F. and Barbara Clark, Roy D. and Linda Clark # 2, Unity Township; Robert H. and Loretta L. Zundel, Salem Township.

In addition to the easements purchased with Commonwealth funds, Chester, Lancaster, Lehigh and Union Counties received reimbursement for incidental costs of easements purchased with County funds on 16 farms totaling 1,047 acres.

## Frederick County Pasture Walk Set

EMMITSBURG, Md. — The next pasture walk in Frederick County, Md. will take place Thursday, June 19 from 10 a.m. until noon. David and Angie Leach of Wet Meadows Farm will be hosting the event.

A grazing operation has been established for several years on this rented farm near Emmitsburg. The 90-cow dairy herd consists of Holsteins and Jerseys. The entire 90-acre farm is seeded to permanent pasture. They have a variety of perennial grasses established, including timothy and perennial ryegrass. Water is available in every paddock by using a water tank on wheels.

Participants may also visit the single-sided parlor. The previous tenants converted the original three-unit side-opening parlor into a six-unit herringbone. The Leaches converted it into a 10-unit parabone to improve cow throughput.

The purpose of the pasture walk is to allow livestock producers a chance to learn more about the use of rotational grazing as a way to increase agricultural profitability. Most of the time will be spent walking through the pastures discussing plant growth, fencing, watering systems, and animal performance. This part of Frederick County has been exceptionally dry, so we will devote some of our discussion to managing grazing systems under dry conditions.

Wet Meadows Farm is located on E. Grimes Road. From Frederick, travel north on Rt. 15. After passing Mt. Saint Mary's College, turn right onto Old Frederick Rd. Take an immediate left onto Keysville Rd. Go four miles. Turn right onto E. Grimes Rd. The farm will be on your right. Watch for pasture walk signs.

For more information, call Stan Fultz at (301) 631-3578.

## Baleage Workshop Set For Cattle Producers

LINDLEY, N.Y. — A workshop has been set for producers considering making baleage to feed cattle.

The event is scheduled for June 16 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the farm of Al and Emmagene Cisco, Lindley, N.Y.

Participants will learn about the equipment needed and how the baleage process is carried out.

The workshop will feature

- a large round baler in action;
- wrapping demonstrations with a bale tuber and a single 3-point hitch bale wrapper;
- discussions about types and amount of wrap to use;
- how to know when it's time to bale;
- determining dry matter content;
- taking core samples;
- options for feeding baleage;

and

• group discussion of personal experiences with baleage.

Following the baleage portion, of the evening participants will tour the Cisco's farm and their Angus/Gelbvieh commercial cow-calf herd. The evening will end with ice cream sundaes and root beer floats.

There is no charge to attend this workshop. However, registration is appreciated. Please contact Steuben County Cornell Cooperative Extension at (607) 664-2300 or Tioga County Cooperative Extension at (570) 724-9120 to register.

A June 30 raindate has been scheduled.

Directions: From Rt. 15 use the Rt. 5 exit. The farm is three miles from the exit, just past C&F Greenhouse.

## U.S. Cheese Output Up 4 Percent From Last Year

Total U.S. cheese production in 2002, excluding cottage cheese, was 8.60 billion pounds, 4.1 percent above the 2001 production level. Wisconsin was the leading state again, with 26.0 percent of total production.

Production of butter in the U.S. during 2002 totaled 1.36 billion pounds, 10.0 percent more than was produced in 2001. California, the leading state, account-

ed for 28.0 percent of this production, followed by Wisconsin with 25.3 percent.

Ice cream production in the U.S. totaled 989 million gallons, up 1.9 percent from 2001. Lowfat ice cream, which checked in at 362 million gallons, was down 4.9 percent and milk sherbet, at 54.6 million gallons, was up 3.8 percent from the previous year. Frozen yogurt production, at 73.4

million gallons, gained 3.2 percent.

Whole milk used for dairy products used 63.0 percent of all milk marketed in the U.S., up 2 percent from last year. Whole milk used for manufacturing all dairy products totaled 106 billion pounds, 6 percent more than 2001.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service

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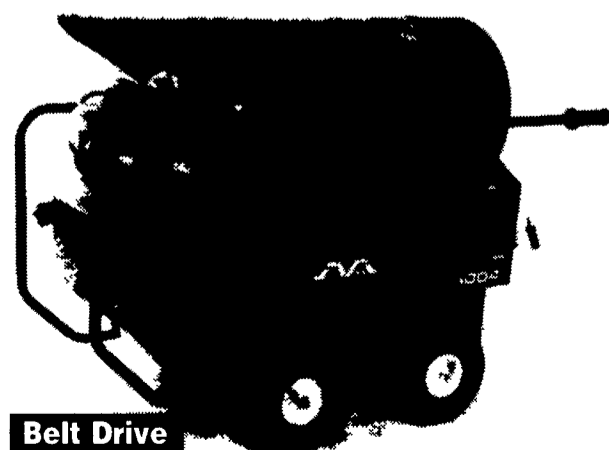


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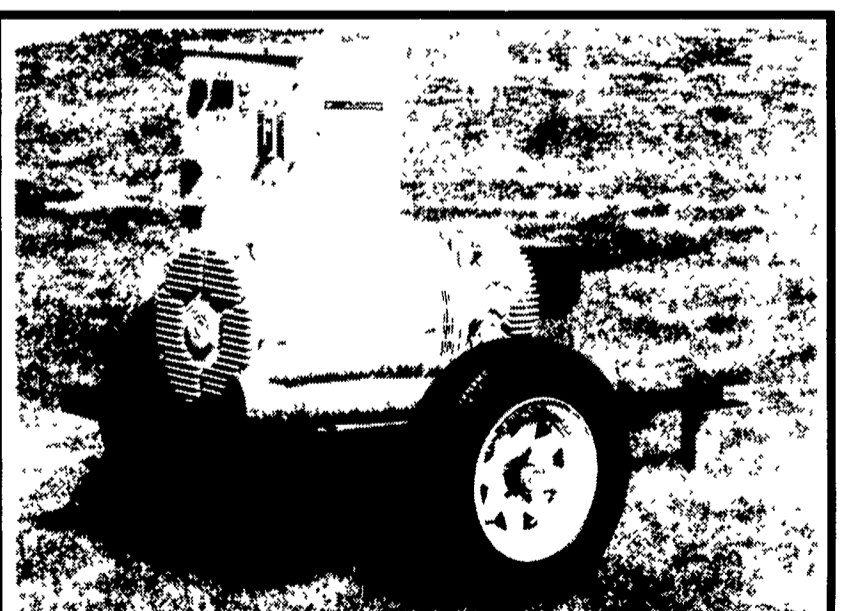
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