

# Family Farm Days A Real Treat



**LANCASTER** (Lancaster Co.) — From left Addie Moore, 3, Lancaster, and Hannah Miller, 2, Denver, alternate between sips of milk and bites of ice cream cone at the annual Family Farm Days event conducted at Oregon Dairy this week. Based on the quantity of ice cream cones handed out to visitors, last year approximately 10,000 people attended the event, and organizers were hoping for another large turnout this year. See page B10.

Photo by Michelle Kunjappu



## WHAT'S NEW AT THE FAIR?

The Mason-Dixon Fair will be July 7 - 12 at the fairgrounds located off of Rt. 74 in Delta. Each year, organizers try to add new events and activities to the fair and this year is no exception.

The pie contest will now be moved from Saturday to Monday, July 7. This means all entries have to be entered on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. The judging will take place on Monday at 10 a.m. with the other small exhibits. Awards will follow and the pies will be auctioned off that night after the Queen contest.

Organizers have also added a dairy goat section. This will include both open and youth departments. Dairy goats are slated to arrive on Thursday, July 10

and show on Friday at 11 a.m. during the annual Senior Day.

On Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. there will be an animal dress-up contest for dairy, beef, sheep, swine, and goat exhibits. Registration will be Friday at 7 p.m. There will be two age divisions and there must be two member teams. Each team will have 15 minutes to dress themselves and their animals.

Admission has also been changed to \$2.

Family night will run from Monday through Thursday. Ride all the rides for only \$10. There will be great, live entertainment nightly including Amanda, Chosen Few, and the Marquees (Sha Boom). There will be bingo, raffles, animal shows, great food, parade, fireworks, and much more. Parking remains free.

## Penn State Offers Short Course

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** — The "Fundamentals of Food Science" short course will be offered by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Sept. 22-26 at The Atherton Hotel in State College, Pa.

The short course is intended for engineers and scientists with little or no experience in the food industry who wish to learn basic concepts of food microbiology, food engineering, food chemistry and nutrition.

The course also is designed for entry-level employees with minimal food science experience; mid-career professionals transitioning into the food industry; plant

managers, technicians and production supervisors; non-technical food industry employees, including sales and marketing personnel; and any person requiring a refresher course in food science fundamentals.

Registrations will be accepted until Sept. 8. The registration fee of \$1,495 covers tuition, lab materials, course manual, certificate of completion, breaks, reception, dinner and lunches. For registration information, contact the Office of Conferences and Short Courses by phone at (814) 865-8301 or by e-mail at [short-course@psu.edu](mailto:short-course@psu.edu), or visit the Web at <http://conferences.cas.psu.edu>.

## Free Farm Market Brochure Available

**WEST CHESTER** (Chester Co.) — The Chester County Agricultural Development Council has printed a 2003 Farm Market brochure that lists farm markets and stands, farmers markets, and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations in Chester County.

The council is offering the free brochure to the public. Brochures will be available at the 17 libraries in the County Library System and also certain municipal offices.

The brochure can be viewed on the Chester County Website at [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org) by selecting Farm Market Directory under the Quick Index. Consumers may also call the Chester County Planning Commission at (610) 344-6285 to request a copy.

The brochure lists more than 40 places to purchase farm fresh produce. It includes a map to help locate the stands and markets. The purpose of the brochure is to support Chester County farmers and growers by encouraging producer to consumer sales.

## Winner Selected

**EPHRATA** (Lancaster Co.) — *Lancaster Farming* selected the winner of a free one-year subscription last week during the Timber 2003 Expo at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Levi Leinbach, East Earl, was the winner. Congratulations!

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