

### GREAT FREDERICK FAIR ANNOUNCES CONCERT LINEUP

All nine days/nights of the 141st Great Frederick Fair will feature entertainment in front of the grandstand come this September, and the fair is again offering one of the best lineups of country music and contemporary Christian performers available. The fair's dates are Sept. 12-20.

The 2003 fair will kickoff on the first night, Friday, Sept. 12, with the crowning of the 2003-04 4-H Royalty, the announcement of the county's new Farm Family of the Year, and the recognition of some of the county's top students in the Character Counts Program. It all begins at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

"We are very pleased to be able to again crown the new 4-H royalty and recognize the new Farm Family of the Year," said J.R. Ramsburg Jr., fair board president. "And we are especially pleased that we will again be recognizing some students with the county school's Character Counts Program. The 4-H and FFA programs already signify the pillars of the Character Counts, and it's nice that students can be honored on those same merits."

"It's nice having the new royalty crowned early in the week so they can participate in the fair's activities at the beginning," Ramsburg said. "With the horse shows and other judging events starting on Saturday, it's nice having the 4-H Royalty present to make ribbon and award presentations."

Musical entertainment starts in front of the grandstand at 7:30

p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, with Diamond Rio.

"The whole week from beginning to end is filled with great entertainment," said James McClellan, chairman of the fair's Entertainment Committee. "We are very fortunate to still be able to attract some of the biggest names in country music and for the first time to offer the top names in contemporary Christian music."

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the fair will feature Trick Pony. The popular tractor and truck pull returns to the fair on Monday, Sept. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed on Tuesday with the popular Demolition Derby at 7 p.m.

The Rockin Roadhouse consisting of Tracy Lawrence, Marck Chestnut, and Joe Diffie, is set for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 17. This show promises to be a top-selling event.

Contemporary Christian performer Jaci Velazquez takes to the center stage at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18. Darryl Worley and Rebecca Lynn Howard perform Friday, Sept. 19, and the week ends on Saturday, Sept. 20, with Sammy Kershaw and Lorrie Morgan. Both performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket order forms will be mailed June 23. To be added to the mailing list, please send a postcard with your name and address to The Great Frederick Fair, P.O. Box 604, Frederick, MD 21705. Please check the fair's Website at [www.thegreatfrederickfair.com](http://www.thegreatfrederickfair.com) for additional concert information releases and updates.

## Lebanon Dairy Family Plans N.Y. Tour

CAZENOVIA, N.Y. — Vincent and Juliet Wagner of Ju-Vindale Holsteins invite Holstein breeders and friends on a bus trip to their daughter and son-in-law's farm in Cazenovia, N.Y. Christopher and Stephanie Anderson and son Dylan, will be hosting the New York State Holstein Picnic and Kissamee Summer Sale Fest on Saturday, July 19, at 11 a.m.

Their herd average is more than 30,000 pounds of milk. Guests will see cows with records over 40,000 pounds, several with 50,000 pounds and one cow with over 60,000 pounds of milk. High production, high type, and outstanding lifetime production are the Andersons' goals.

Several cows have produced

more than 200,000 pounds lifetime milk and two cows are approaching 300,000 pounds. The dam/daughter pair, Velma, 4E92 (now retired at 18 years old), and Vuly, 4E92, (13 years old and recently fresh) have a combined lifetime total of over 560,000 pounds of milk. Several other cows are also in their teens. Vuly's daughter, Kissamee Flip Valene, EX91 completes three generations of homebred Excellent cows for Stephanie. The herd BAA (breed age average) is 107.5 percent.

The tour schedule is as follows:

- 7 a.m. - Leave Lebanon Ag Center (Next to Lebanon Fairgrounds)
- 11 a.m. - Arrive at Kissamee Holsteins

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. - N.Y. State Holstein Picnic, tour the facilities and view the sale cattle

- 1 p.m. - Kissamee Summer Sale

- 4 p.m. - Leave Kissamee Holsteins and head toward home

- 5-6 p.m. - Stop for supper

- 9 p.m.(?) - Arrive at Lebanon Ag Center.

The cost is \$40 per person and includes the picnic meal until 1 p.m., and an evening buffet. Refreshments during the sale are at the guests' expense. The buss will be filled on a first come, first serve basis with the money collected on the bus.

Please contact Vince and Juliet by July 10 at (717) 949-2046 to reserve your seat.

## Northeast Order Uniform Milk Price For May

BOSTON, Mass. — Erik F. Rasmussen, market administrator for the Northeast Federal Milk Marketing Order, has announced that the statistical uniform price (SUP) paid by milk dealers (handlers) regulated under the Northeast Order during May 2003 is \$11.60 per hundredweight (\$1 per gallon) for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Mass (Boston). The producer price differential (PPD) portion of the SUP for May is \$1.89 per hundredweight for milk delivered to plants located in Suffolk County, Mass. The PPD (\$1.89) combined with the corresponding month's Class III price (\$9.71) equals the SUP (\$11.60).

The SUP represents a benchmark minimum price paid to dairy farmers, prior to allowable deductions, for farm milk containing 3.5 percent butterfat, 2.99 percent protein, and 5.69 percent other solids. The actual price received by an individual dairy farmer will vary as the composition of a farm's milk differs from the component benchmarks. The PPD represents each producer's share of the value generated by the marketwide pool. The PPD is

added to the payment producers receive for their milk's components and is adjusted for the location of the receiving plant(s). The SUP and PPD decrease by scheduled amounts the further away the plant(s) receiving the producers' milk are from Suffolk County, Mass. The Class prices for milk pooled in May are as follows: Class I, \$12.96 (Suffolk County, Mass.); Class II, \$10.43; Class III, \$9.71; and Class IV, \$9.74. Comparable prices for May 2002 were: Class I \$14.51, Class II \$11.29, Class III \$10.82, and Class IV price \$10.57. The component values for May 2003 are protein, \$1.9275 per pound; butterfat, \$1.1512 per pound; other solids, \$-0.0144 per pound;

and nonfat solids, \$0.6574 per pound.

Milk receipts from producers totaled 2.177 billion pounds. Class I utilization, milk processed as beverage milk, was 42.1 percent of producer milk receipts. The Class I utilization was 39.8 percent in May 2002.

The manufacture of Class II, products such as cream, ice cream, yogurt, and cottage cheese utilized 17.4 percent of producer milk. Milk used to manufacture Class III products such as cheese (American and Italian) and evaporated and condensed products utilized 28.0 percent of total milk receipts. Class IV usage (butter, nonfat and whole milk powder) equaled 12.5 percent of the total.

**Penn State's annual showcase event, Ag Progress Days, is scheduled Aug. 19-21 this year at the research farm in Rockspring. We have exclusive photos and information about the event scheduled in our annual Ag Progress Issue, one of our largest issues, on Aug. 16. Look for special schedules, maps, and a photo review of the year's major agriculture showcase!**

## Farm Bureau Backs Bill

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Pennsylvania Farm Bureau has voiced its support for Pennsylvania House Bill 1669, recently introduced by Rep. Feese (R-Lycoming).

"The bill, which, reauthorizes Chapter 30 of the Public Utility Code, is designed to improve economic development, lower phone rates, and provide crucial communications to citizens across Pennsylvania, especially those in rural areas," said Guy Donaldson, president of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB).

"As farmers continue to become more reliant on technology to ensure profitability, it is imperative they have access to all available information, including that which is supplied through high speed internet telephone service," Donaldson said.

The Feese telecommunications initiative is designed to:

- Improve local telephone competition in an effort to drive down consumer prices and accelerate innovation in the state's underserved

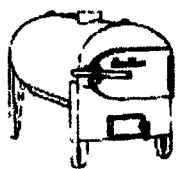
areas;

- establish a telecommunications fund that will provide grants to local communities to improve telecommunication services and high-speed internet access for residents and job creators; and

- provide for automatic enrollment in "Lifeline," ensuring access to life-saving phone service in all areas of Pennsylvania to low-income residents.

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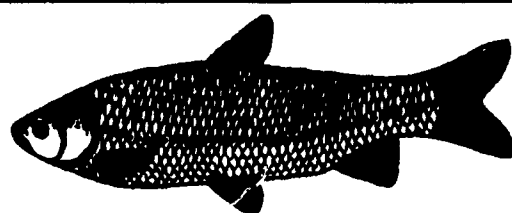
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