

# Cattlemen's 2003 Field Day Planned For Elizabethtown Area

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, Pennsylvania Angus Association, Cyagra, Inc., and the Pennsylvania Grazing Lands Coalition will team up to sponsor a field day in conjunction with Cyagra, at the EmTran facilities, located at 190 Bossler Road, Elizabethtown, on Saturday, July 19.

A tour of the Dwight Hess Feedlot at Marietta will also take place after the events planned for the Cyagra (EmTran) facilities.

The program will begin with registration at 9 a.m., and a wide array of different types of reproductive technologies, plus marketing and management considerations will be discussed from 9:30 a.m. until about 3 p.m.

There will be two sets of seminars, one on reproductive technologies, and one on marketing and management of beef cattle enterprises. Both seminars will be repeated in the morning and in the afternoon.

Among the new reproductive technologies to be discussed are artificial insemination enhancement through new methods of identifying estrus, embryo transfer, and cloning and genetic preservation.

The marketing and management seminar will include discussions about branded beef programs, selecting genetics for low-input grassland farming, and utilization of by-products as feeds in finishing beef cattle diets.

Throughout the entire day there will be discussions on stream bank fencing, with a nearly completed project serving as a demonstration and the primary focal point for discussion about the benefits and methods of similar programs.

There will also be commercial exhibits for cattlemen and others attending the field day to observe. A special speaker at the noon luncheon will be Don Coover, SEK Genetics, Kansas, talking about the marketing, breeding and other beef cattle industry benefits from cloning of animals.

At 3 p.m. the field day attendees will have an opportunity to tour the beef cattle feedlot owned and operated by Dwight Hess at Marietta. The Hess feedlot has fed cattle for many years, and utilizes some of the most modern methods of formulating and feeding least-cost rations to finishing beef cattle.

The feedlot also has state-of-the-art animal waste disposal and utilization systems.

A special presentation by consultants from Agri-Basics, Inc. will be made during the morning and afternoon seminars, and will also be available at the Hess feedlot.

According to Terry L. Shearer, president of the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association, "It is difficult to plan a field day program, or any other educational event, that has something for everybody. However, this program, this year, appears to provide information for essentially all the different segments of the beef industry from the purebred breeder, to the commercial cow-calf operator, through feedlot operators and even on through the packer, processor and the ultimate consumer."

There will be a noon lunch available, courtesy of the sponsors and the hosts.

More information about the field day arrangements can be obtained by calling the Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association (phone/fax: (814) 238-5888) or by emailing llw@psu.edu. The PCA website (www.pacattle.org) will also have more details about the field day.

## PA Cattleman's Field Day & PA Angus Field Day

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2003

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Cyagra / EmTran Facilities  
Located at 197 Bossler Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Seminars on Reproductive Technologies, Marketing and Management

Seminar A - Reproductive Technologies 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

*Embryo Transfer - Are you capitalizing on what is available*

*AI Enhancement - Heat Watch if you don't have time to watch heats*

*Cloning & Genetic Preservation - The Science, The Application, The Challenges*

Seminar B - Marketing and Management 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

*Marketing - Branded Beef Program - Is it for you*

*Environment - Selecting Genetics for Low Input Grassland Farming*

*Production - Utilizing by-products as feeds in your feedlot*

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

☐ Stream-Bank Fencing - see the newly completed project and talk with representatives of the DEP on this state program. Get questions answered and find out how you can participate

☐ Commercial Exhibits—newest services and products

Lunch 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Noon Program 12:30

Welcome from Alejandro Cantarelli, CEO of Cyagra, Inc.

Introductions of Guests

Keynote Speaker - Don Coover, SEK Genetics.

—Cloning, from a Marketer and Breeders Perspective

Repeat morning Seminars

3 P.M. VISIT DWIGHT HESS FEEDLOT OR TOUR THE EM TRAN FACILITIES

## N.Y. Organic Crops And Soils Field Day Set

GENEVA, N.Y. — Tom Frantzen, organic farmer from Alta Vista, Iowa will be the keynote speaker in the morning session of the Second New York Organic Crops and Soils Field Day scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Frantzen's operation includes about 335 crop acres, 75 beef cows, and 100 sows. He markets his pork through Organic Valley, a Wisconsin-based cooperative with more than 460 farmer-members in 17 states. Frantzen's farm has been organic since 1995.

The field day is sponsored by New York Certified Organic (NYCO), the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY), the Northeast Organic Network (NEON), and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

"What we are managing with biology is pretty complex. Farming is vastly more complicated now than it was 20 years ago. Organic farming has given us a better quality of life, though, and should give us a more stable future in an unstable agricultural industry. I enjoy what I'm doing, and I enjoy the people I work with immensely," Frantzen was quoted as saying on the New Farm Website (www.newfarm.org).

Weed management, soil health, organic grain markets and the beneficial connections between livestock and crop production will be the primary topics of this field day. Organic field crop and dairy/livestock farmers and researchers from the Finger Lakes of New York and other regions will share their expertise in

roundtable discussions, presentations, and farm field stops. An afternoon bus tour will include demonstrations on soil health, weed management, and other areas of interest to grain, dairy, and livestock farmers.

The field day will run from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The morning session will begin at Jordan Hall, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, N.Y.

Pre-registration and payment are required. Lunch is included. Fee is \$25 per person, \$15 per person for additional participants from the same farm. Please contact Maxine Welcome at (607) 255-5439 for more information.

## Penn State Participates In ADSA Meetings

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Eleven Penn State Dairy Science Club members traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in the June 2003 American Dairy Science Association-Student Affiliate Division (SAD) meetings.

These meetings bring together universities from across the nation to share ideas and fellowship.

The club returned to Penn State with many honors. Penn State's quiz bowl team placed first for the third consecutive year. This year's members in-

cluded Meghan Moody, Hayley Springer, Daryl Maulfair, and Joshua Hushon.

The club scrapbook prepared by Lauren King placed first, and the Dairyman yearbook edited by Maribeth Ozog and James Neyhard placed second.

Josh Hushon, Airville, won first prize in the production division of the undergraduate presentation competition with his talk, "Crossbreeding — Why Now?"

Also presenting in the contest were Joel Krall with "Dairy Case Wars — Got Milk vs. Not Milk?" and Hayley Springer with "Effect

of Parturition Dietary Carbohydrate Source and Monensin on Postpartum Immune Function."

The club ranked second in the Outstanding Chapter contest, and Jessica Worobey was elected first Vice-President of the Student Affiliate Division for the upcoming year.

Penn State also placed first in the Centennial Celebration proposal contest.

Other Penn State undergraduate students attending the meetings included Amanda Silsby, Kim Matson, Sarrah Biddle, and Marc Sholder.

## Youth 'COWnections' Day Camp Set

MIFFLINBURG (Union Co.) — An upcoming day camp called COWnections will offer youth hands-on dairy knowledge in an educational and fun environment, according to Sandy Costello, dairy agent and organizer of the event.

The camp is for youth ages 12-18 who are interested in dairy

science. It is scheduled for July 31 at Troester's Dairy, Mifflinburg. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day includes a tour of Troester's Dairy and workshops on dairy records, herd health, judging and type, nutrition, reproduction and breeding, and udder anatomy and health.

The day camp is planned in cooperation with Kathy Weller, Snyder County dairy agent; Janette Strohecker, Northumberland County summer intern, dairy producers, and agribusiness supporters.

For more information or to register, call Sandy Costello at (888) 922-5420.

## Season's First Commercial Plum Pox Reported In State

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The first positive test for the Plum Pox Virus (PPV) this season has been confirmed in a commercial block of stone fruit trees in Adams County, according to an announcement Monday by Agriculture Secretary Dennis C. Wolff.

Wolff said the administration and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) remain strongly committed to the Plum Pox Eradication Program.

"Pennsylvania currently is one of the country's top ten stone fruit producing states, and we want to maintain, if not improve, the ranking," Wolff said. "Although our staff is disappointed in finding even a single infected commercial tree, this in no way will diminish our resolve to eradicate the virus and allow our hard-working growers the opportunity to once again plant stone fruit trees."

This positive tree was found in an already quarantined area. When a tree tests positive for PPV, PDA establishes a 500-meter buffer zone around the infected tree or block of trees. All stone fruit trees within the zone must be removed and destroyed.

In 2002, less than a dozen acres of commercial trees tested positive for PPV. In fact, there has been a drastic decrease in the amount of stone fruit acreage infected with PPV after its initial detection in Pennsylvania in the fall of 1999.

PDA and USDA surveyors will continue to visit commercial stone fruit orchards in the four-county PPV quarantine area and adjacent counties. Visits are also continuing on homeowner properties in and near the quarantine area.

## Cambria County Hosts Log-To-Lumber Workshop

GALLITZEN (Cambria Co.) — Rainy weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of more than 40 people at a recent Log-to-Lumber workshop at Gallitzen State Park.

The workshop was co-sponsored by the Woodland Owners of the Southern Alleghenies, (WOSA) the Bureau of Forestry and Penn State Extension.

Loggers, sawyers, woodworkers and woodlot owners were exposed to various methods of cutting logs from plane sawing to quarter sawing, application to plane and quarter sawing in cabinetry, how to stack lumber for air drying, the benefits of sealing the ends of logs before cutting, various uses of other parts of a tree, veneering, and watched a demonstration of cutting logs by

woodworker and bandsaw mill owner George Radeschi of Bedford.

Following the demonstration, with 23 years of experience in the forest products industry, Dan Snyder of the Department of Conservation of Natural Resources talked about bucking and the application of circular mill sawing.

Snyder and service forester Dave Scamardella of the Bureau of Forestry gave a presentation about lumber grading.

"This workshop filled a need to help people understand the importance of the efficient use of forest products and the value of sustainable forestry," said John Herr, president of WOSA.

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