

Organic Farming Group To Offer 'New Farmer Course' At N.J. College

PENNINGTON, N.J. — Have you ever thought about starting a farm? New Jersey's proximity to large consumer markets offers tremendous opportunity for small-scale farm businesses, but the barriers to entry can be daunting.

A new course offered by the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ) and Mercer County Community College (MCCC), promises to show would-be farmers that it can be done.

"Exploring the Small Farm Dream: Is Starting an Agricultural Business Right for You?" will begin on Sept. 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and will run for four consecutive Tuesday evenings.

Classroom sessions will be conducted at the Mercer County Community College West Windsor Campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550. In addition to the evening sessions, a field trip to a successful small farm business in Mercer County will be arranged.

Instructors for the course will be Pam Flory, former farm manager at North Slope Farm in Lambertville and at Spring Hill Farm in Hopewell, and Laura Sayre, program manager at

NOFA-NJ and a former employee at the Watershed Organic Farm in Pennington.

"Starting a farm business — like starting any business — involves risk, but it can be extremely rewarding," said NOFA-NJ's executive director, Karen Anderson. "Our hope is that this class will help people make realistic projections about those risks and rewards, and move toward their goal of working the land. Demand for locally-grown and organic produce in this region is rapidly outpacing supply, so one of our major goals as an organization is to help new farmers enter the field."

The Exploring the Small Farm Dream curriculum was originally developed by the New England

Small Farm Institute, a non-profit organization providing educational and other resources to beginning, limited-resource, part-time, and small-scale farmers in the northeast. Funding to bring the course to New Jersey was provided in part by First Pioneer Farm Credit's AgEnhancement Program.

Tuition for the course is \$150 including materials, although two people working on the same farm business idea may attend for a single tuition of \$170, including two copies of all course materials. Registration can be completed online at www.mccc.edu (do a search for course #XCP265), or by calling MCCC at (609) 586-9446.

CREP Expands Northward

DAVE LEFEVER
Lancaster Farming Staff

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Conservation leaders recently announced 100,000 acres in 23 additional counties in the northern part of the state are eligible for enrollment in the conservation reserve enhancement pro-

gram (CREP).

Sign-up begins Sept. 2 for the 23 counties, which make up Pennsylvania's upper Susquehanna River basin from the central part of the state north to the New York border.

The first CREP was announced three years ago for 100,000 acres in 20 Pennsylvania counties in the southcentral part of the state. The expanded CREP includes all 43 Pennsylvania counties in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

CREP is a voluntary program that pays participants to plant hardwood trees or establish grass filter strips, riparian forest buffers, vegetation, streambank fencing, and other conservation practices on environmentally sensitive land. In return, participants receive annual rental payments, cost-share assistance, and other financial incentives.

Interested farmers and ranchers should contact their local FSA offices for more information on eligibility requirements and application procedures. Additional information is also available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crep.htm>.

A detailed report on the expanded CREP is scheduled for the next issue of *Lancaster Farming* (Sept. 6).

Grange Fair Results

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GRAND CHAMPION

Garrett Singer

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Jody Weaver

SHOWMANSHIP

Youth Champion: Coleman Hoffman

Reserve: Bridgit Stitzer.

Third: Jessica Stover.

Junior Champion: Garrett Singer.

Reserve: Ryan Singer.

Third: Dustin Gates.

Intermediate Champion: Amanda Stover.

Reserve: Kirk Stover.

Third: Lisa Kislung.

Senior Champion: Makala Gordon.

Reserve: Allen Stover.

GRAND CHAMPION

Garrett Singer

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Makala Gordon

JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW

CHEVIOT

Junior ram lamb: 1. Knstin Pratt. 2. Kristin Pratt.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Knstin Pratt. 2. Knstin Pratt.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Knstin Pratt. 2. Knstin Pratt.

Champion: Knstin Pratt.

CORRIEDALE

Senior ram lamb: 1. Philip Wise.

Junior ram lamb: 1. Philip Wise.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Philip Wise. 2. Philip Wise.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Philip Wise. 2. Philip Wise.

Champion: Philip Wise.

DORSET

Senior ram lamb: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Mary Martz.

Junior ram lamb: 1. Ian Squier-Nauman. Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Mary Martz.

Senior ewe lamb: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Mary Martz. 3. Mark Zimmerman.

Champion: Mary Martz.

SHROPSHIRE

Junior ram lamb: 1. Jessica McMurtne. 2. Jennifer Wise. 3. Jennifer Wise.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Jennifer Wise. 2. Jennifer Wise. 3. Jessica McMurtne.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Jennifer Wise. 2. Jennifer Wise. 3. Jessica McMurtne.

Champion Ram: Jessica McMurtne.

Reserve: Jennifer Wise.

Champion Ewe: Jennifer Wise.

Reserve: Jennifer Wise.

SOUTHDOWN

Senior ram lamb: 1. Michael Wise. 2. Gregory McMurtne. 3. Michael Wise.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Michael Wise. 2. Gregory McMurtne. 3. Gregory McMurtne.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Michael Wise. 2. Michael Wise. 3. Gregory McMurtne.

Champion Ram: Gregory McMurtne.

Reserve: Michael Wise.

Champion Ewe: Michael Wise.

Reserve: Michael Wise.

SUFFOLK

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Jayson Harpster.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Jayson Harpster. 2. Jayson Harpster.

Champion: Jayson Harpster.

KATHADIN

Senior ram lamb: 1. Katrina Shope. 2. Katrina Shope.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Katrina Shope. 2. Katrina Shope.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Katrina Shope. 2. Katrina Shope.

Champion: Katrina Shope.

FINNSHEEP

Junior ram lamb: 1. Jonathan Lumley-Sapanski. 2. Jonathan Lumley-Sapanski.

Champion: Jonathan Lumley-Sapanski.

ICELANDIC

Junior ram lamb: 1. Paige Arthur. 2. Paige Arthur.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Tess Arthur. 2. Paige Arthur. 3. Paige Arthur.

Champion: Paige Arthur.

MONTADALE

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Chns Zimmerman. 2. Mark Zimmerman.

Champion: Chris Zimmerman.

NATURAL COLOR

Junior ram lamb: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Mary Martz. 3. Paige Arthur.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Marian Mills. 2. Mary Martz. 3. Mary Martz.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Mary Martz. 3. Marian Mills.

Champion Ram: Mary Martz

Reserve: Mary Martz.

Champion Ewe: Manan Mills.

Reserve: Mary Martz.

OXFORD

Senior ram lamb: 1. Philip Wise.

Junior ram lamb: 1. Philip Wise.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Philip Wise. 2. Philip Wise.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Philip Wise. 2. Philip Wise.

Champion: Philip Wise.

RAMBOUILLET

Senior ram lamb: 1. Jennifer Wise.

Junior ram lamb: 1. Jennifer Wise.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Jennifer Wise. 2. Jennifer Wise.

Senior ewe lamb: 1. Jennifer Wise.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Jennifer Wise.

Champion: Jennifer Wise.

TUNIS

Junior ram lamb: 1. Russell Schaulfer.

Champion: Russell Schaulfer.

HAMPSHIRE

Junior ram lamb: 1. Michael Wise. 2. Michael Wise. 3. Morris Pratt.

Ewe 1 year and under 2: 1. Michael Wise. 2. Michael Wise. 3. Morris Pratt.

Junior ewe lamb: 1. Michael Wise. 2. Michael Wise. 3. Jayson Harpster.

Champion: Michael Wise.

MARKET LAMB

Light lightweight: 1. Knstin Pratt. 2. Knstin Pratt. 3. Nikolas Packer.

Medium lightweight: 1. Morris Pratt. 2. Chambers Squier-Nauman. 3. Kerry Snyder.

Heavy lightweight: 1. Jessica McMurtne. 2. Whitney Crater. 3. Miranda Carter.

Champion: Jessica McMurtne.

Reserve: Kristin Pratt.

Light mediumweight: 1. Peter Knepp. 2. Chambers Squier-Nauman. 3. Dayton Spackman.

Medium mediumweight: 1. George Peters. 2. Hayson Harpster. 3. Krystal Wasson.

Heavy mediumweight: 1. Kathryn Peters. 2. Stephanie Herbstritt. 3. Krystal Wasson.

Champion: Kathryn Peters

Reserve: George Peters.

Light lighthheavyweight: 1. Jessica McMurtne. 2. Gregory McMurtne. 3. Abbie Spackman.

Medium lighthheavyweight: 1. Garrett Singer. 2. Kathryn Peters. 3. Jody Weaver.

Heavy lighthheavyweight: 1. Lisa Zimmerman. 2. Ann Weaver. 3. Kerry Snyder.

Champion: Garrett Singer.

Reserve: Lisa Zimmerman

Light heavyweight: 1. Garrett Singer. 2. Gregory McMurtne. 3. Ryan Singer.

Medium heavyweight: 1. Jayson Harpster. 2. Mark Zimmerman. 3. Mary Martz.

Heavy heavyweight: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Ryan Singer. 3. Mark Zimmerman.

Champion: Garrett Singer.

Reserve: Greg McMurtne

GRAND CHAMPION

Garrett Singer

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Jessica McMurtne

SHOWMANSHIP

Youth: 1. Kerry Snyder. 2. Sara Packer. 3. Isaac Smith.

Junior: 1. Mary Martz. 2. Abby Spackman. 3. Mark Zimmerman

Intermediate: 1. Lisa Zimmerman. 2. Garrett Singer. 3. Dayton Spackman.

Senior: 1. Ryan Singer. 2. George Peters. 3. Steph Herbstritt

GRAND CHAMPION

Jessica McMurtne

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Mary Martz

SHEEP FITTING

Youth: 1. Kerry Snyder. 2. Megan Decker. 3. Isaac Smith

Junior: 1. Abbey Spackman. 2. Nikolas Packer. 3. Jody Weaver.

Intermediate: 1. Garrett Singer. 2. Dayton Spackman. 3. Paige Arthur

Senior: 1. George Peters. 2. Ryan Singer. 3. Whitney Crater.

GRAND CHAMPION

Jon Lumley-Sapanski

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

Jessica McMurtne

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