

FARM CALENDAR

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Monday, September 1

Labor Day. *Lancaster Farming* office closed.
Ox Hill Community Fair, thru Sept. 6.
Spartansburg Community Fair.
Waterford Community Fair, thru Sept. 6.
West Alexander Fair, thru Sept. 6.

Tuesday, September 2

Jamestown Community Fair, thru Sept. 6.
Introduction to RUSLE, Myers Farm, Centre County, thru Sept. 3. Sept. 2 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Sept. 3 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., (717) 787-3586.
Maryland Plant Clinic, Richard Hill Commodity Grading, Golden Corral, Easton, Md., noon, (410) 822-1244.

Wednesday, September 3

Bellwood-Antis Farm Show, Bellwood Community Park, thru Sept. 6, (814) 742-8121.
Claysburg Farm Show, thru Sept. 6.
Luzerne County Fair, thru Sept. 7.
Lehigh County Potato Twilight meeting, Wessner Farm near Germanville, 6:30 p.m., (610) 391-9840.
Pa. Milk Marketing Board Public Hearing, area no. 3, Room 202, PDA Building, Harrisburg, 11 a.m., (717) 787-4194.
Pa. Dairy Beef Quality Initiative, Livestock Evaluation Center, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m., (717) 939-7000.
Agricultural Marketing Club meeting, Easton, Maryland Denny's Restaurant, 6:30 a.m., (410) 822-1244.

Thursday, September 4

Nittany Antique Machinery Show, Penns Cave, Rt. 192, thru Sept. 7.
Prince George's County Fair, Upper Marlboro, Md. thru Sept. 7, (301) 579-2598.
High tunnel workshop for extension specialists and vo-ag teachers, Horticulture Farm, Rockspring, thru Sept. 5, (814) 865-7118.
Phosphorus Index Training, Myers Farm, Centre County, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (814) 865-7115.
Maryland Grain Marketing meeting, Dutch Family Restaurant, Millington, Md., 7:30 a.m., (410) 778-1661.
Farming Stress and Economics, Hoffman Building, Solanco Fairgrounds 9:30 a.m.-noon and Salisbury Twp. Office, 5581 Old Philadelphia Pike, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Also Sept. 5 Lancaster DHIA Lab, 1592 Old Line Road, Manheim, 9:30 a.m.-noon and Martindale Fire Company, Gristmill Road north of Martindale Road, 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., (717) 394-6851.

Friday, September 5

Hay Creek Festival, Historic Joanna Furnace, north of Morgantown, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (610) 286-0388.
Damascus, Maryland Community Fair, Damascus, Md., thru Sept. 7, (301) 253-3460.
Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, Thurmont, Md., thru Sept. 7, (301) 271-2104.
York Fair, thru Sept. 14.
Organic Products Expo, Washington, D. C., thru Sept. 7.
Phosphorus Training, Myers Farm, Centre County, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (717) 787-3568.

Saturday, September 6

Clear Creek State Forest Woods Walk, Jefferson

Thursday, September 11

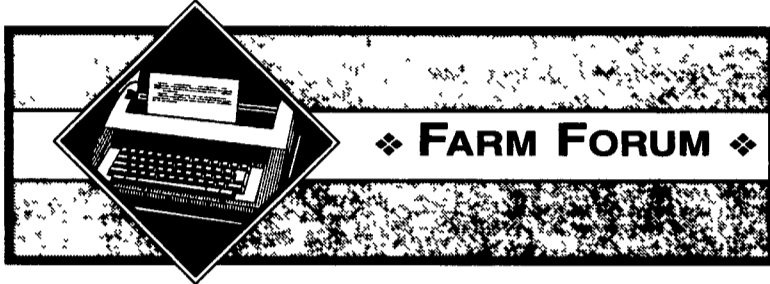
Charles County, Md. Fair, La Plata, Md., thru Sept. 14, (301) 932-1234.
Grazing Meeting, Lloyd and Andy Reitz Farm, Shamokin, noon-2 p.m., (570) 784-6660, ext. 12.
Ag Issues Forum Breakfast Meeting, Understanding Animal Rights, Kreider's Restaurant.
Pa. Endless Mountain Fiber Festival, thru Sept. 12, Harford Fairgrounds.
Building Livable Communities with Transit, Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Ga., thru Sept. 14, (800) 788-7077.
Maryland and Eastern Gamagrass Grazing tour at Edward Bison farm, Hurbuck, Md., 9 a.m.-noon, (443) 482-2922.
Pa. Dairy Stakeholders' Kick-off meeting, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m., (717) 948-6328.

Friday, September 12

The Great Frederick Fair, Frederick, Md., thru Sept. 20, (301) 663-5895.
Big "E," Springfield, Mass., thru Sept. 18, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Penn State Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences Alumni Symposium, 101 ASI Building, University Park, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, September 13

Pa. German Folklife Festival, Historic Schaefferstown, thru Sept. 14, (717) 949-2280.
Pa. Shepherd's Symposium and 4th Annual Young Shepherd's Camp, thru Sept. 14.
Forestry Workshop and Walking Tour, Irish Pines Tree Farm, Spruce Creek, Centre County, (814) 693-6676.
Annual Conference Pa. Planning Association, Hilton Pittsburgh, thru Sept. 17, (717) 671-4510.
Maryland Pasture Walk and Talk Tour, AIST beef farm, south of Upper Marlboro on Rt. 301, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., (443) 482-2922.
Value Added Marketing, Pa. Farm Link, Meadow View Farm, Kutztown, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., (717) 664-7077.
Antique Truck Show, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Washington, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (724) 941-9615.



FARM FORUM

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pacts affecting agriculture. Estimates show that U.S. farmers spent \$1 billion to \$2 billion more this year than last just to plant a crop. The availability and affordability of energy is essential to the competitive production of high-quality food and fiber.

It is time to start addressing our country's long-term energy concerns by enacting a comprehensive program in Washington that fully utilizes domestic sources of energy. Both the House and the Senate have passed energy legislation. Now they must work out the differences in a conference committee. President Bush has said he wants to sign comprehensive energy legislation before the year's end.

The bills passed thus far contain several incentives for increased use of renewable energy sources, such as ethanol made from corn, soybean-derived biodiesel, biomass from animal waste, and wind energy generated from on-the-farm turbines. Renewable energy not only benefits the environment, but also serves as economic stimulus for rural areas by creating jobs and establishing additional markets for farm commodities.

Each bill includes a renewable fuels standard, calling for increases in the nation's use of re-

newable fuels to 5 billion gallons over the next decade. The provision is estimated to increase demand for corn by more than 1 billion bushels and soybeans by 144 million bushels. Additionally, estimates show a renewable fuels standard would create the need for \$5.3 billion in new investment in production facilities in rural areas, as well as create 214,000 new American jobs.

Another component to successful energy legislation is the extension of tax credits for renewable energy sources. An energy tax package, expected to be offered during the energy bill conference, would grant \$15.5 billion in tax incentives to expand the use of renewable energy and increase domestic oil and gas production.

The family farms represented by Pennsylvania Farm Bureau urge members of Congress to finish the energy bill as soon as they return from the August recess so President Bush can sign it into law. We also encourage Pennsylvanians to call upon Congress for speedy action.

The nation's energy policy is vital to the success of American agriculture and the future of all Americans. Instead of being a drain or a drag on our economy and our environment, the package on the table will help fuel our nation for a long, productive haul and a cleaner, renewable journey.

— Guy F. Donaldson
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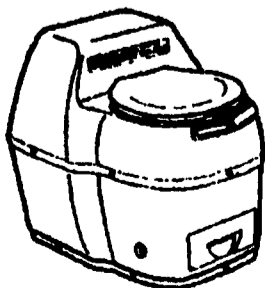
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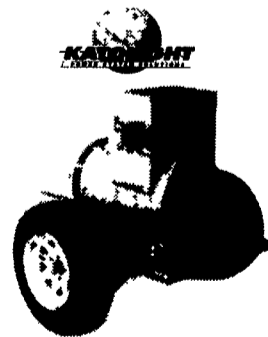
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