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a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (845) 246-5956.

Sunday, September 28

8th Annual John Deere Antique Tractor Fall Show, St. Peter's Church, Macungie, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., (215) 679-6592.

Monday, September 29

Oak Ecology and Siloculture Workshop, Jefferson County, thru Oct. 4, (814) 563-1040.

ADADC District meeting, Fulton, Montgomery, Schoharie Counties, N.Y., Elk's Lodge, Nelliston, N.Y., 7:30 p.m., (518) 673-5895.

Cumberland County Conservation District Celebration Banquet, Penn Twp. Firehall, 7 p.m., (717) 240-7812.

Tuesday, September 30

World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wis., thru Oct. 4, (608) 224-6455.

Community Support Agriculture Event, Fulton Farm, Wilson Col-

lege, Chambersburg, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Farm Transfer Facilitator Training, Auburn, N.Y., (800) 547-FARM.

Hafflinger Horse Classes (KILE), Farm Show New Equine Arena, 8 a.m.

Keystone International Livestock Expo, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, thru Oct. 6, (717) 787-2905.

Wednesday, October 1

Late Harvest Planting at Village Acres Farm, Mifflintown, 9 a.m.-noon.

Retail Farm Market Tour, all day, Dauphin, Lancaster, Allentown, West Chester, Elkton, Md., (570) 387-6327.

New Holland Farmers' Fair, thru Oct. 4.

Manure Management Workshop, 324 ASI Building, Penn State, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

N.Y. Health Care Planning for Farm Business, thru Oct. 2, Auburn Holiday Inn, (800) 547-FARM.

Milk Marketing Area No. 1 meeting, Room 202, PDA Building, Harrisburg, 9 a.m.

Milk Marketing Area No. 5 meeting, Room 202, PDA Building, Harrisburg, 11 a.m.

Safe Food Handling, Cooking for Crowds, Ext., Neshaminy Center,

Doylestown, 1 p.m.-4 p.m., (215) 345-03283.

Forestry Taxation and Financial Planning Workshop, Ebensburg Ext. Building, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (814) 863-0401.

Frederick Soil Conservation District Cooperators Banquet, New Midway Volunteer Fire Dept., 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 2

Maryland Pasture Walk, Craig Leggett Farm, Boonesboro.

Adams County Annual Meeting, Stonehenge Restaurant, Gettysburg.

46th Annual Steam-O-Rama by Massey Harris Tractors, Mann Road, Showgrounds, Windsor, thru Oct. 5, (717) 244-2912.

Managing Loggin Risk and Liability Symposium, Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., (814) 867-9299.

Calf Sense Workshop, Meadow Vista Farm, near Bainbridge, 1 (888) 373-7232.

Friday, October 3

Pa. Watershed Conference, Grantsville Holiday Inn, thru Oct. 4, (717) 238-0423.

American Society for Horticultural Science Centennial Conference, Providence, R.I., thru Oct. 6, (703) 836-2024.

Pa. Graded Feeder Cattle Sale, Eighty-Four Auction Sale, 7 p.m., (729) 239-2124.

Pa. Graded Feeder Cattle Sale, Middleburg Livestock Auction, Middleburg, 7 p.m., (570) 837-2222.

Shultz Bros. Celebration Sale, Rt. 254 west of Jerseytown, 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 4

Pa. Make It Yourself With Wool Contest, (814) 443-3189.

Central Pa. Woodland Management Workshop, Cambria County Extension, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (814) 472-7986.

Pa. Graded Cattle Sale, Indian Farmers' Livestock Market, Homer City, 7 p.m., (724) 397-4087.

3rd Annual Alpaca Heritage Sale, Brumm's Lullaby Farm, Fountainville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (215) 345-4804.

Pa. Angus on Parade, Farm Show Complex, 2 p.m., (540) 337-3001.

Lancaster Farming

OPINION

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"This report demonstrates that Fair Trade businesses — companies that empower economically disadvantaged farmers and artisans, and respect the environment — are growing and thriving. This is in sharp contrast to flagging sales of conventional businesses that operate in a dominant global trade model that forces wages downward, degrades the environment, disrupts communities, and destroys cultural values," said Chris O'Brien, associate director of the Fair Trade Federation and managing director of the Co-op America Business Network.

Are people suspicious about Big Business? Some could be.

"Fair Trade is clearly poised for continued growth in handicrafts and commodities. It also has a clear impact on growing consumer awareness of global trade issues," according to Katherine Anderson, information coordinator, International Federation for Alternative Trade.

Key findings:

Total fair trade sales in the U.S., Canada, and Pacific Rim increased 37 percent during 2002, from \$183 million to \$251 million. North America accounted for \$180 million, up 44 percent (emphasis ours) from 2001, while the Pacific Rim topped \$70 million, a growth rate of 23%.

Certified Fair Trade coffee demonstrated the greatest growth of any single Fair Trade product, with sales increasing by 54 percent, from 6.8 million pounds in 2001 to 10.6 million pounds in 2002. (So not only are we working harder and longer, but are we apparently need the stimulants to keep us awake.)

At the beginning of 2003, according to the report, there were more than 3,200 people employed by Fair Trade organizations in the U.S., Canada, and the Pacific Rim.

Coffee, crafts, clothing, housewares, and a wide variety of other products made by workers in developing countries compose the range of Fair Trade products and companies, which are screened to ensure fair wages, cooperative workplaces, consumer education, environmental sustainability, financial and technical support, respect for cultural identity, and public accountability.

By adhering to social criteria and environmental principles, Fair Trade organizations foster a more equitable and sustainable system of production and trade that benefits people and their communities.

For a full copy of the report, visit www.fairtradefederation.org.

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- BVD & Lepto - Impact, Protocols
Dr. Chris Rossiter, Steve Bechard, Poulin Grain, Newport, VT
- Intensified Feeding - Effects, Post Fresh Results
Dr. Mike Van Amburgh, Cornell University
- Breeding Programs & Economics
Dr. Ken Leslie, Ontario Veterinary College
- Repro Handling Facilities
Dr. Dan McFarland, Penn State University
- Bottom Line Impact of Replacement Program
Jason Karszes, Cornell University

• Producer Panel

• Best Management Practices
Dr. Don Gardner, Huddleston, VA

Tuesday Evening - Social & Dinner

• Process Management - Dr. Roger Saltman, Pfizer

Wednesday - PDHGA-sponsored Farm Tours

- Alan Hainesworth's Calf Facility, Mt. Morris, NY - 6,000 calves/year
- Stokoe Farms, Avon, NY
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- Heifer Haven Farms, Stanley, NY
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- Before Oct. 1, \$80 • After Oct. 1 - \$85 • Walk-In \$75
- PDHGA members - \$10 discount before conference.
- Optional Dinner w/speaker \$25
- Farm Tours \$27

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Conference site: **HOLIDAY INN**,
8250 Park Road, Batavia, NY
Rooms: 585-344-2100. Mention PDHGA for \$65 conference rate. Block of rooms held until Oct. 15

For more information, contact
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