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Beef Quality Assurance Program, Fayette, Greene, Somerset counties, Fayette County Fairgrounds, Dunbar, 6:30 p.m., (717) 939-7000.

Watershed Allianco of York Fall Watershed Forum, York County Annex, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., (717) 840-7430.

Thursday, November 6

Maryland Pasture Walk, Brownsville, Md.

Southeast Pennsylvania poinsettia and pansy trials with seminars, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, (610) 690-7676.

Nutrient Management Plan Review Workshop, PDA Building, Room 202, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Berks County Farm-City Banquet, Sheraton Reading, 5:45 p.m.

Grain Marketing Meeting, Dutch Family Restaurant, Millington, Md., 7 a.m., (410) 778-9075.

Franklin County Master Gardeners Meeting, Penn State Extension Office, Chambersburg, (717) 263-9226.

Business Skills Seminar, Holiday Inn Conference Center, Fogelsville, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (814) 865-4700.

Pa. Beef Quality Assurance Program, Cambria, Blair, Indiana counties, Cambria County extension office, Ebensburg, 6:30 p.m., (717) 939-7000.

N.Y. New Farmer Workshop, first in series of 8, Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, N.Y., 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Tioga County Ag Banquet, Tioga Fairgrounds, 7 p.m., (570) 724-9120.

Mercer County Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting, Firth Learning Center, Mercer, 7 p.m., (724) 662-3141.

Maryland Ag Education Foundation Annual Banquet, Michael's 8th Avenue, Glen Burnie, Md., 6 p.m., (410) 939-9030.

Friday, November 7

Penn State Beef Cattle Sale, Beef Sheep Center, Penn State, (814) 863-0831.

Penn State Dairymen's Club Annual meeting, Celebration Hall, State College, (607) 739-8820.

York County Extension Annual Meeting, York County 4-H Center, 6 p.m.

Eastern 4-H Nationals, Louisville, Ky., thru Nov. 9.

Saturday, November 8

Nittany Lion Holstein Fall Classic Sale, Penn State Ag Arena, State College, 11 a.m.

30th Annual North American International Livestock Expo, Louisville, Ky., (502) 367-5000.

National Small Farm Trade Show and Conference, Boone County Fairgrounds, Columbia, Mo., (800) 633-2535.

Lebanon Lancaster County Watershed Forum, Acorn Farms Reception and Conference Center, Manheim/Mount Joy exit of Rt. 283, (717) 272-3908, ext. 4.

Susquehanna County Master Gardeners Classes on Composting, 9 a.m. and

11 a.m., County Office Building, 278-1158.

LMA-VACC Sale, Middleburg Livestock Auction, Middleburg, (570) 837-2222.

Sunday, November 9

Cornell Executive Dairy Program, Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Syracuse, thru Nov. 13, (607) 255-4478.

Monday, November 10

Custom Operators Workshop, Bradford County Extension office, Towanda, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., (570) 265-2896.

Poultry Management and Health Seminar, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, noon, (814) 865-3411.

Environmental Quality and Agriculture Conference, Downtown Marriott, De Moines, Iowa, thru Nov. 12.

Tuesday, November 11

N.Y. Workshop Cheese Making at Sprout Creek Farm, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., thru Nov. 13, (518) 271-0744.

Woodland Owners of South Alleghenies meeting on deer management issues, Apple Bin Restaurant, New Paris, 6 p.m., (814) 623-7399.

Pa. Association of County Agricultural Agents Fall meeting, Penn State Days Inn, State College, thru Nov. 12.

Pa. White-Tailed Deer, Bradford-Sullivan Forest Landowners' Association, Wysox Fire Hall, 7 p.m., (570) 746-1814.

Wednesday, November 12

PowerExpo 2003, Landscape and Turf Nursery Power Equipment, Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, thru Nov. 13, (610) 544-5775.

Lancaster Farmland Trust Annual Dinner, Quality Inn and Suites, Oregon Pike, Lancaster, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., (717) 293-0707.

N.Y. Level Agricultural Entrepreneur Training, 10-week course in Maryland, Carroll County Community College, Westminster, Md., 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., (410) 313-6500. Also Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17.

Woodland Owners of Centre County, Foxdale Village Meeting Room, State College, (814) 625-2741.

Advanced Kiln Drying of Lumber Workshop, (814) 865-7544.

Setting Up Your Tree Farm Operation, Southwest Pa. Woodland Owners Association, Courthouse Square Building, Washington, 7 p.m., (724) 627-6624.

Carroll County Maryland Master Gardeners Program on Rose Care, Ag Center, Westminster, 7:30 p.m., (410) 386-2760.

Thursday, November 13

PDMP "Growing Forages for Milk Money," Paul Dotterer and Sons, Mill Hall, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m., (717) 375-2639.

Ag Issues Forum Breakfast, Kreider's Restaurant, Manheim, (717) 627-0440.

Hydroponic and Organic Growers' Conference, Tucson, Ariz., thru Nov. 15, (800) 321-5656.

Somerset County Extension Annual meeting, Masonic Temple, Somerset, 6 p.m., (814) 445-8911.

Fayette County Annual Holstein meeting, Holiday Inn, Uniontown, 7 p.m.

Snyder County Extension and 4-H Leaders' Joint Annual meeting, Freeburg Washington Community Center, Freeburg, 7 p.m., (570) 837-4252.

Selling Timber Workshop, Allen Trop Hall, Marysville, Ohio, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., (614) 688-3421.

Contest Winner

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — David Gibson, Leola, was the winner of a free one-year subscription to *Lancaster Farming*. Gibson's name was drawn at a contest during the recent Olde Country Connections show. Congratulations!

Forum Discusses Ag Trends

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — As American agriculture continues to change and reflect the times we live in, agriculture organizations and businesses are trying to keep pace with those changes and see where they are going.

The idea of the changing face of agriculture facilitated the roundtable discussion late last week at Agriculture Issues Forum at the Armstrong Manor, Lancaster.

More than 20 agri-industry representatives were on hand to help develop ideas on where the agriculture industry of today is heading.

"I think it is important to sit down and look at these trends with a diverse group of people," said Jan Jarrett, director of outreach of Penn Future. "It gives it a validity. You can identify trends. The question is, what do you do with these trends? Do you say that is what they are and we're going to ride the tail of the trend? Or do you try and sit down with what you see and make some decisions on how you want Pennsylvania agriculture to look?"

Issues discussed ranged from agriculture consolidation, government, and globalization to niche

markets, technology, and public influence.

Although several drafts still remain, hopes are that this final document will prove helpful to agriculture organizations in the decision-making on their plan of work.

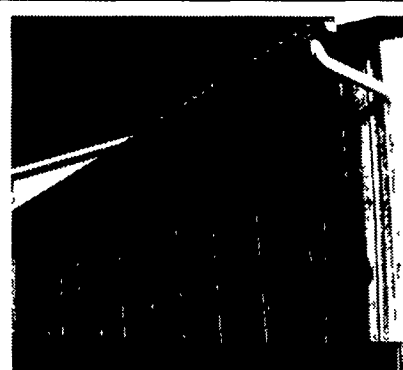
For Don Robinson, Lancaster County Conservation District manager, it is important to start identifying agriculture trends.

"(Trends) drive how businesses respond to agriculture; drive education dealing with agriculture; and hopefully awaken or focus governmental officials on some of the concerns these trends represent. It can form the basis of a lot of long-term decision making."

Mike Brubaker noted that this roundtable discussion was developed from the membership looking for outside input on where agriculture in Pennsylvania and the U.S. was going.

The discussion will be continuing among members as they proceed to finalize their views on where agricultural trends lie. The resulting document will be a tool for future discussions in other agricultural organization meetings.

"I think that the document that is produced will help different forums start the conversation," said Jarrett. "It's an important one that needs to happen."



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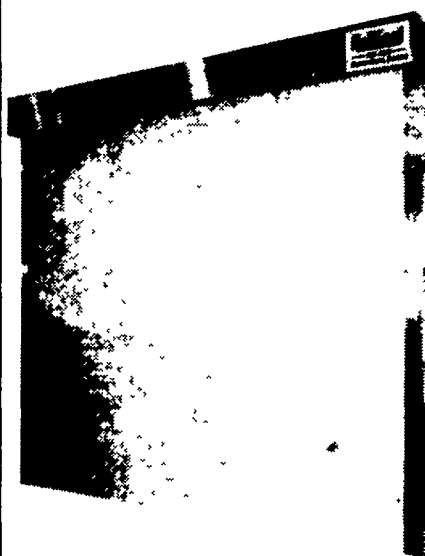
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