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### **CENTER PLANS ROUNDTABLES FOR DAIRY PROFESSIONALS**

*Roundtable Meetings Offer Resources to Help Farms with Risk Management, COP*

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – Dairy professionals who work with Pennsylvania’s dairy farm families are encouraged to attend one of the Dairy Industry Professional Roundtable Meetings this April and May in State College, Mansfield, Martinsburg, Grove City, Carlisle and Lancaster. The roundtable meetings will include a discussion on current market dynamics, new risk management programs available to dairy farm families, and resources to help farm families calculate their cost of production and better understand their risks.

“These roundtables are intended to provide a forum for dairy professionals to network with each other and share ideas to support Pennsylvania’s dairy farm community,” said Jayne Sebright, executive director with the Center for Dairy Excellence. “With new options available, having a risk management plan in place has become a necessity for every dairy farm. We will review how to help farm families accomplish that.”

The meetings will include an overview of risk management options and the steps involved in calculating cost of production and developing a risk management plan. All the meetings will include a meal followed by discussion.

Meetings will be held:

- State College - Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 a.m., Perkins (525 Benner Pike, State College, PA 16801)
- Mansfield - Tuesday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m., Lamb’s Creek Food & Spirits (200 Gateway Drive, Mansfield, PA 16933)
- Martinsburg - Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 a.m., The Bistro at the Village Green (403 Village Way, Martinsburg, PA 16662)
- Grove City - Thursday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m., Hoss’s Steak & Seahouse (1948 Leesburg Grove City Road, Grove City, PA 16127)
- Carlisle – Friday, May 3 at 7:30 a.m., Cumberland County Extension Office (310 Allen Road, Carlisle, PA 17013)
- Lancaster – Friday, May 10, at 7:30 a.m., Lancaster Farm and Home Center (1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601)

All meetings are free to attend; however, registration is required. To register, email Heidi Zimmerman at [hzimmerman1@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:hzimmerman1@centerfordairyexcellence.org) or call the Center for Dairy Excellence at 717-346-0849. For complete details or to register online, go to [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-producer-roundtable-meetings/](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/dairy-producer-roundtable-meetings/).

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is a non-profit organization initiated by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 2004. Bringing together people from more than 40 different dairy organizations in Pennsylvania, the center's mission is to enhance the profitability of the dairy industry by empowering people, creating partnerships, and increasing the availability and use of resources. Learn more at [centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org)

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