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DAIRY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS INVITED TO MEET WITH CENTER *Center for Dairy Excellence to Host Mealtime Meetings*

Harrisburg, Pa. – The Center for Dairy Excellence will host five mealtime meetings across Pennsylvania to collect feedback and input on resources to direct the future of the state’s dairy industry. The center invites dairy industry professionals to participate in an informal discussion about dairy profitability and associated topics and an introduction to programs available through the center to assist dairy farmers.

“With challenges facing Pennsylvania’s dairy industry, both at the farm level and in the marketplace, we want to hear from agri-business professionals on what’s needed to support a viable industry,” said Jayne Sebright, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. “We are also looking forward to sharing insight on the resources and programs available to help farms work through this period of change.”

Field representatives, nutrition consultants, lending agents and all industry representatives are invited to prepare topics which they would like to discuss, from business planning to dairy policy. Center staff members will be joined by representatives from American Dairy Association North East and agents with the Penn State Extension Dairy Team, who will speak to current trends and topics in Pennsylvania’s dairy industry.

Meetings will be hosted on the following dates:

- May 12 at 8:00 a.m., Dutchway, 649 E Lincoln Avenue, Myerstown, PA.
- May 16 at 8:00 a.m., Country Cupboard, 101 Hafer Road, Lewisburg, PA
- May 16 at 1 p.m., Riverstone Inn, 47 Leisure Drive, Towanda, PA
- May 19 at 8:00 a.m., Bird’s Nest Cafe, 113 S Richard St., Bedford, PA
- May 19 at 1 p.m., Hoss’s Steak and Sea House, 1948 Leesburg Grove City Road, PA

Pre-registration is requested by Monday, May 8. Meals are provided for up to three participants per meeting location from each group or business, courtesy of the Center for Dairy Excellence. To register, call 717-346-0849 or visit the “Programs and Events” tab on centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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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.



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IMG 4831.JPG: Jayne Sebright, executive director for the Center for Dairy Excellence, leads the discussion at a previous Industry Roundtable meeting in Williamsport.

