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DAIRY PRODUCERS INVITED TO JOIN FREE DAIRY DISCUSSION GROUPS THIS JULY

The Dairy Discussion Groups Will Meet at Three Pennsylvania Dairy Farms in July

Harrisburg, Pa. – Dairy producers are invited to join one of three Dairy Discussion Groups happening in Pennsylvania this July. The discussion groups are designed to be laidback and only a few hours long to encourage networking and idea-sharing among dairy producers. Hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence and Penn State Extension, the kick-off meeting for each discussion group will be held on a Pennsylvania dairy farm and will include a farm tour and a free lunch.

“Discussion groups can be a great outlet for exchanging ideas with your peers – especially those in your local community – about productivity and profitability at the farm level. We’ll have a facilitated discussion tailored to meet your needs at each meeting to help create a positive forum for sharing ideas and learning from one another,” shared Jayne Sebright, Executive Director at the Center for Dairy Excellence.

View the dates and locations for the Dairy Discussion Groups:

Franklin/Perry Discussion Group: Thursday, July 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dwayne Martin Farm
549 Evergreen Road
New Bloomfield, Pa 17068

Blair/Somerset Discussion Group: Tuesday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dry Creek Farm
811 Piney Creek Road
Martinsburg, PA 16662

Chester/Berks Discussion Group: Wednesday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ar-Joy Farms, LLC
1589 Althouse Road
Cochranville, PA 19330

“I like my discussion group a lot. We meet three times a year and it’s a group of farmers discussing dairy. I learn a good bit just in discussion and debate. Our facilitator also does feed efficiency papers and we compare our DHIA numbers. I find great value in seeing people’s farms, seeing their papers, and discussing what worked and what didn’t,” shared Lonnie, a PA dairy farmer who participates in a discussion group.

These Dairy Discussion Groups are free, and producers are encouraged to RSVP in advance for the July meetings. Visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/events to sign up for one of the discussion groups. Call the Center at 717-346-0849 with questions or to register over the phone.

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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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