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DAIRY DISCUSSION GROUPS TO BE HELD ON PERRY, BLAIR AND CHESTER COUNTY FARMS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Dairy Producers Are Invited to One of Three Peer-to-Peer Discussion Groups

Harrisburg, Pa. – Three Dairy Discussion Groups will be held on Pennsylvania dairy farms in Perry, Blair and Chester Counties in the next two weeks. Hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence and Penn State Extension, the discussion groups are designed to be laidback and only a few hours long to encourage networking and idea-sharing among dairy producers. The meeting for each discussion group will be held on a Pennsylvania dairy farm and will include a farm tour and a free lunch.

“If you’re looking for a chance to connect with fellow dairy producers, exchange ideas, and learn what’s working on other farms, these discussion groups can be a great outlet for that kind of connection and idea-sharing,” shared Jayne Sebright, Executive Director at the Center for Dairy Excellence. “We’ll have a facilitated discussion tailored to the topics that matter most to your group, whether that’s productivity and profitability at the farm level or another issue you and your peers would like to discuss.”

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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