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**DAIRY PRODUCERS AND THEIR FAMILIES INVITED TO FREE DAIRY APPRECIATION DINNERS**

*The Dairy Appreciation Dinners Will Be Held Across the State on Saturday, Oct. 16*

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – Pennsylvania dairy producers and their families are invited to one of three free Dairy Appreciation Dinners. Hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence, the events will be held on three dairy farms across the state on Saturday, October 16 from 6-8:30 p.m. The free events will include an informal meal and conversation to celebrate dairy farmers' essential roles and share the resources available across the industry. The events are free, but dairy producers are highly encouraged to pre-register their families.

"When things are uncertain, what's important becomes clear and that was true this past year. The Pennsylvania dairy industry is supportive and hard-working, and it's important for us to remember the power of community," said Jayne Sebright, Executive Director at the Center for Dairy Excellence. "We look forward to coming together this fall for these Dairy Appreciation Dinners to offer encouragement to dairy farm families and celebrate their essential roles."

The Dairy Appreciation Dinners will be held at the following locations:

- **Eastern Pennsylvania – Brubaker Farms – Mount Joy, PA**  
Saturday, October 16 from 6-8:30 p.m.
- **Central Pennsylvania – Penn England LLC – Williamsburg, PA**  
Saturday, October 16 from 6-8:30 p.m.
- **Western Pennsylvania – The SpringHouse – Washington, PA**  
Saturday, October 16 from 6-8:30 p.m.

At each event, dairy producers and their families can enjoy:

- A free dinner
- Informal conversation – families can stay for as little or as long as they would like
- Live music

- Resource-sharing from dairy industry organizations
- An overall atmosphere of positivity and encouragement

Producers can pre-register up to six people for the Dairy Appreciation Dinners. Multiple partners from the same farm can register separately. Based on interest and farm capacity at each location, the Center may close registration if needed.

To register for one of the events, visit [www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/appreciation-dinners](http://www.centerfordairyexcellence.org/appreciation-dinners) or call 717-346-0849.

Sponsors for the events include AgChoice Farm Credit, Hooper Feeds, King Construction, MidAtlantic Farm Credit, and Wenger Feeds.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, industry participation, or larger groups attending the events, contact Emily Barge at [ebarge@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:ebarge@centerfordairyexcellence.org) or call 717-346-0849.

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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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