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OPEN HOUSE EVENTS SET FOR BEDFORD, LANCASTER COUNTIES IN JULY

Moyer's Rolling Green Acres, Spring Lawn Farm First Hosts on Four-Stop Tour

HARRISBURG – Dairy farm families are invited to visit Moyer's Rolling Green Acres, Bedford County on July 15 and Spring Lawn Farm LLC, Lancaster County on July 16, as part of the "Open House and Dairy Tour" hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence.

The first of four open houses, each event will have a picnic-style lunch and provide the opportunity for guests to see the farm's best management practices and learn about resources available to help dairy farms succeed in Pennsylvania. The final two events are slated for July 30 in Lawrence County and Aug. 4 in Cumberland County.

"The open houses spotlight dairy farm families who are considering all options to improve profitability to build stronger long-term dairy operations," said John Frey, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. "The first two events show unique opportunities to reduce input costs with a grazing operation and a robotic milking facility."

The first event on Wednesday, July 15 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., is at Moyers's Rolling Green Acres, owned by Glenn, Evelyn, Matt and Jenny Moyer. A seasonal grazing operation since 1995, the Moyers milk 400 head of cross-bred Jerseys, Holsteins and Swedish-Reds in a 40-cow rotary parlor built in 2004. As cows are out-wintered, the only housing facilities are for young calves.

The farm is located at 1484 Corley Road in Manns Choice, Bedford County. The event is sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension with support from Cargill Animal Nutrition, the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, AgChoice Farm Credit and Graham Dairy Supply.

The tour of Spring Lawn Farm LLC, located at 248 Stoney Lane in Lancaster, Lancaster County, will be held on Thursday, July 16, from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Owned by Joe, Dave and Josiah (seventh generation) Garber, Spring Lawn Farm transitioned to a robotic milking facility in November 2007. The Garbers now milk 230 cows with four DeLaval VMS robotic milkers and have a tunnel-ventilated freestall barn with an automatic winter ventilation system and DeLaval Smart IDs with a Smart Selection Gate.

The Center for Dairy Excellence is partnering with DeLaval and Triple H Construction to host this event, along with supporters Genex Cooperative Inc., Land O'Lakes, Elanco, Lancaster Veterinary Association, White Oak Mills and PNC Bank.

Details for the remaining two Open House and Dairy Tours are:

- **Thursday, July 30**, at Grassycrest Farm, Inc., owned by Dick, Blanche, Dwight and Dean Kind, 638 Miller Road, Slippery Rock, Butler County.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 4**, at Brymesser Farms, owned by Sheldon, Mary Ann, Mike and Matt Brymesser, 1463 Leidigh Road, Boiling Springs, Cumberland County.

The agenda for all four events includes a 90-minute farm and facility tour with comments from the host family, followed by a bar-b-que lunch and an update on center and industry programs including the Dairy Profit Team and LGM for Dairy programs.

The “Open Forums and Dairy Tours” are open to anyone within the local dairy community and pre-registration is requested by calling 717-346-0849. For more information about the events or the Center for Dairy Excellence, visit www.centerfordairyexcellence.org. Click on “Center for Dairy Excellence Events,” then on “CDE Open House and Dairy Tour Events.”

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The Center for Dairy Excellence is an initiative of the Department of Agriculture and was launched in January 2004 by Governor Edward G. Rendell. 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 about the Center at www.centerfordairyexcellence.org.



PHOTO CUTLINES:

MOYER PHOTO: Matt, Jenny, Glenn and Evelyn Moyer, owners of Moyer's Rolling Green Acres, with Matt and Jenny's children Anna and Reece.

SPRING LAWN FARM PHOTO: The seventh generation of Garbers to live on Spring Lawn Farm LLC.