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CUMBERLAND COUNTY FARM FAMILY HOSTS FINAL DAIRY OPEN HOUSE EVENT

HARRISBURG – Dairy farm families are invited to visit the Brymesser Farm in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County on Tuesday, Aug. 4 as part of the “Open House and Dairy Tour,” hosted by the Center for Dairy Excellence.

The final of four open houses, the 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 open houses have been very successful in helping the center understand the needs of dairy producers in Pennsylvania, while providing participants an opportunity to exchange ideas with other producers,” says John Frey, executive director of the Center for Dairy Excellence. “We appreciate the hospitality of all the host families and look forward to wrapping up the tour at the Brymesser Farm.”

The Brymesser event on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. is located at 1463 Leidigh Road, Boiling Springs, Cumberland County.

Brymesser Farms is owned by Sheldon and Mary Ann, with sons Mike and Matt Brymesser recently becoming full partners. Since the farm’s beginning in 1881, quality and safety have been a priority earning the farm a Dairy of Distinction honor. The farm has had a closed herd for the past 70 years.

The Brymessers have been the top producers in Cumberland County for the past eight years milking the 250-cow herd in a herringbone parlor. Milk cows are housed in a slatted floor freestall facility the Brymessers recently built 26 labor-saving indoor calf hutches.



Cargill Animal Nutrition, Land O'Lakes, Genex Cooperative, M&T Bank, Dover Area Animal Hospital and Douglass C. Wallick Insurance are sponsoring the event.

The agenda 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. 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:

Brymesser Family: Brymesser family members welcome neighboring farm families and others to next week's CDE Open House event.