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DAIRY LEADERS OF TOMORROW FALL FARM TOUR REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

High School Students Interested in Dairy Businesses Encouraged to Participate

Harrisburg, Pa. – Registration is now open for high school students to attend the 2017 Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow Fall Farm Tour. The day-long tour on Friday, October 13, will feature Pennsylvania dairy farms and businesses located in Centre County, giving high school students the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of modern working dairy farms. The tour will also highlight educational opportunities and careers within the dairy industry.

“The Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow Farm Tour is a great opportunity for students to see what today’s dairy farms look like while learning about careers available to them after graduation,” said Mary Foote, dairy education programs manager for the Center for Dairy Excellence. “This year, however, we are very fortunate to have the unique opportunity to visit one of nation’s leading agricultural universities so students can also explore options for furthering their education.”

One of the tour highlights on October 13 will be visiting The Pennsylvania State University. Students will have the opportunity to tour the Penn State Dairy Barns and the Berkey Creamery, all while learning more about the College of Agricultural Sciences and future careers within the dairy industry.

Another highlight of the tour will be Paul Dotterer & Sons, Inc of Mill Hall, Pa. Established in 1951, the Dotterer’s began with 130 acres and 15 cows. Today, in its third generation, the farm has expanded to over 700 cows and 3,000 acres with nearly 40 full-time employees. Cows are milked in a double-20 parallel parlor and housed in free stall barns. The Dotterers hope to continue expanding the dairy to 1,200 cows, through raising a steady supply of healthy, well-grown replacement heifers.

In addition to touring the dairy facilities, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, in State College, will host the students for lunch. Lunch is provided to attendees. During lunch, students will hear from industry professionals who will share about their role in the dairy industry, as well as introduce the students to the several career opportunities.



Teachers or parents must register students for the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow Farm Tour by Wednesday, October 4. A charter bus will be provided for transportation with tentative locations for pick-up including Elizabethtown and Newport. Definite locations will be determined at the end of registration.

More information about the tour can be found by visiting dairyleadersoftomorrow.com/contact/dairy-leaders-farm-tour/. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DLTFallTour> or contact Mary Foote at 717-346-0849, via email at mfoote@centerfordairyexcellence.org.

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