



## MAILBAG

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### Notes from Jim

#### **Crops Scouting**

Now is the time to be scouting your fields for summer pests! Right now, be looking for escaped weeds in corn fields.

In alfalfa, late first cutting fields and all second cutting fields should be scouted for leaf hopper presence. If you would like assistance with this, please contact Denny or Jim.

#### **Cover Crop and Soil Health Meeting**

Remember to mark June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! You will want to set aside some time to attend a meeting to help you plan your cover crops for the fall, and to get help evaluating and increasing your soil health. The Thursday evening and Friday afternoon field sessions are similar in order to better accommodate producers' schedules, so if you can only attend one, you will still benefit. The field sessions at Penn England Farm offer you an opportunity to view a soil pit, the benefits of cover crops and fitting them into your rotation, and management required with summer annuals such as Sudan grass, Sorghum sudan and forage sorghum. Friday morning is a classroom session held at the Williamsburg Farm Show Building. Watch for a flier to be mailed to you, and RSVP soon!

This is a joint effort between King's AgriSeeds, Penn England Farm, NRCS, Blair County Conservation District, PA No-Till Alliance and Mill Hill Farm Supply.

### June is Dairy Month!

Why is Dairy Month important? It is a time to remember what dairy farmers, and their cows, do for us. They provide us with nature's most perfect food-milk! These days,

it is so easy to get 3 servings a day. With so many cheeses, yogurts, and ice cream varieties available, you have many opportunities to feed your family healthy and yummy dairy goodness. Are you lactose intolerant? Try baby Swiss cheese, Lactaid milk and ice cream, or see if a Lactaid pill before your meal helps.

And don't forget, the next time you see a dairy farmer-say Thank You!!

### Sale Flyer

Our last sale flyer of the year is in effect from June 6-24. Pool supplies, mulch, pest repellents, weed killers, pet flea/tick medications and canning supplies are all on sale. We even have an American Flag Kit for \$9.99!! Pick up a copy in the Morrison's Cove Herald, or stop by either location of Mill Hill today. Enjoy savings on the products you need for your home and garden!

### Protect your garden!

You finally have all the plants in the ground, and the seeds have sprouted. The garden is going to be great this year! Until...you see insect pests attempting to steal the product of all your hard work. If this happens, stop at Mill Hill. We have natural and man-made solutions to your pest problems. If you don't know what bug it is, trap it in a container and bring it in! We will help you identify it. Or, if you have a smartphone, download the Bonide app, which will help you identify both insect and weed pests, and lead you to a number of solutions to control them. We stock a variety of these solutions, and can order any that you may require, just ask!!

### July 4th

This is just a reminder that July 4<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. It falls on a Thursday this year, and we will be closed so our employees may spend the day with their families. Please plan ahead for your feed needs!

### Crops Storage Solutions

Mill Hill carries black/white bunker covers, black plastic and round silo covers. We also have twine for square and round balers. We're happy to help you protect the bounty! (please continue reading on reverse side)



## Dairy Recipe

*Submitted by Katherine Orczeck, 2013-14  
Blair County Dairy Princess*

Greetings! Many of you may notice my title change. On May 18<sup>th</sup> I was crowned the new Blair County Dairy Princess. I know I will be a very busy young lady this year without an Alternate to help so I have requested my Junior Dairy Promoters to assist with supplying me with dairy recipes. I am the daughter of Dr. Shawn and Laura Orczeck of Roaring Spring and have been a Dairy Promoter since 2006. I will be a senior at Central High School where I will be taking mainly college credit classes. I am very involved in all areas of music, National History Day, National Honor Society and soccer; I am also very involved in my Church and Community. I hope I will be invited to speak to many organizations and schools throughout my reign where I can inform the public of the economic benefit agriculture brings to the community and the high nutritional value and economic value of dairy foods. Remember, June is Dairy Month! This recipe was submitted by Chloe England, daughter of Kara Frye and Keith England of Williamsburg.

### **Mama's Banana Pudding**

2 bags Pepperidge Farm Chessman cookies

6-8 bananas, sliced

2 cups milk

5 oz box instant French Vanilla pudding

8 oz package cream cheese, softened

14 oz can sweetened condensed milk

12 oz sweetened whipped cream

Directions:

Line the bottom of a 13x9x2 dish with 1 bag of cookies and layer bananas on top. In a bowl, combine the milk and pudding mix and blend well using a handheld electric mixer. Using another bowl, combine the cream cheese and condensed milk together and mix until smooth. Fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture. Add the cream cheese mixture to the pudding mixture and stir until well blended. Pour the mixture over the cookies and bananas and cover with the remaining cookies. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

## Alltech-Select GH

Last time we mentioned Lacto-Mos and its benefits to the gastrointestinal tract. In addition to that, Select GH takes the combination to address gut health in both the rumen and lower digestive tract. A healthy gut means much more than just protecting your herd against potentially deadly issues such as HBS; it means maintaining the right levels of beneficial bacteria in both the rumen and lower digestive tract to improve performance and reduce the need for therapeutic treatments. Select GH can be used at any time to maintain a healthy gut, and can be effective when;

- Feeding ensiled forages
- Milk production is lost
- Fertility is poor
- Cows are scouring
- During times of increased stress, i.e. transition period
- Somatic cell counts are elevated
- Signs of HBS are present
- There are signs of gastrointestinal infections
- Signs of variable manure syndrome are noticed

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Thank a farmer  
(and a cow)!**

