

Ephrata Area Young Farmers – Newsletter

March 2015

Upcoming EAYF Meetings for March 2015 thru August 2015 that have been scheduled at this time:

March 17, 2015 Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Educational Meeting Location: Ephrata High School Cafeteria Topic: Pesticide Update Training – Section 2 (2 category & 2 core credits) Speakers: Jeff Graybill & Kay Moyer
April 21, 2015 Tuesday	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Location: Ephrata High School Cafeteria Topic: Home Food Preservation Speaker: Martha Zepp – PSU Extension Food Preservation Consultant
Aug. 26 – Aug. 30, 2015	Five Days	Summer Tour Swiss Valley Tour of Ohio & Creation Museum in Kentucky See insert or attachment for more information.

Notes:

Topics for March 17th Pesticide Meeting

The Ephrata Area Young Farmers will be sponsoring a pesticide update training meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the Ephrata Area High School Cafeteria, 803 Oak Blvd. Ephrata, PA 17522 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Both speakers are from Penn State University Extension: Jeff Graybill, Lancaster Co. Agronomy Educator and Kay Moyer, Lancaster Co. Farm Safety Educator. The following topics will be covered: farm and home chemical safety; how a pesticide comes to market; herbicide weed update and control tips; chemical control of cover crops and the Penn State University inter-seeder.

Anyone attending this meeting will receive pesticide credits: 2 core credits and 2 category credits.

Home Food Preservation Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2015

The focus of this meeting is on the proper procedures of preserving home foods to insure a safe and high quality product when canning, freezing or drying foods. Find out the up-to-date information on preserving foods! What can you do to preserve food which makes a safer and higher quality home grown food. This information is important with the increased interest in home gardening and locally grown produce. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Summer Tour –August 26-30, 2015 – Swiss Valley Tour of Ohio & Creation Museum in Kentucky

Join us on a five-day fun filled tour as we visit the beautiful states of Ohio and Kentucky. We will see some of the most popular attractions the area has to offer. A special attraction is to tour the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY. Then we make our escape to beautiful Tuscarawas and Holmes Counties in the Swiss Valley area of Ohio. You will experience the slower pace of living as you travel through the countryside; you will have the opportunity to savor their delicious Amish and Swiss cooking, plus much more.

See insert or attachment for more information. Any questions call Dan or Diane Fox at 717-733-1604.

New organic crop guide available from Penn State Extension

Penn State has published a new 243 page Organic Crop Production Guide aimed at helping farmers tap the growing organic market. This is a new resource that provides the research-based information you need to be successful. The guide costs \$25.00 and can be previewed online for free.

Allegra Leininger

Our sympathies go out to the family and friends of Allegra Leininger. Allegra passed away on Feb. 20, 2015. Her husband, Vernon Leininger, died Dec. 9, 2014 and was a long-time member of the Ephrata Area Young Farmers.

Please Note:

In the event that the School District closes school or school is dismissed early due to inclement weather, then any Young Farmer event scheduled at the High School will also be cancelled.

Fox Meadows Creamery & Country Market



Bob, Ruth Fox and family are looking forward to the opening of Fox Meadows Creamery & Country Market hopefully in April. Look for the opening date. Can't wait for warmer weather and ice cream!

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