On October 8, The Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture (PASA) will lead a bus tour of unique south-central Pennsylvania farms. Participants will visit an orchard, a small-scale CSA, a diversified livestock operation, and one of the largest organic vegetable farms in Pennsylvania.

The tour will include special talks delivered by historians, farmers, and knowledgeable locals to help participants appreciate the beauty and diversity of the Pennsylvania landscape.

Throughout the day, PASA will serve up an amazing array of local fare, including lunch, dinner and refreshments. Registration also includes apple picking, sauerkraut making, take-home souvenirs, pastured BBQ chicken lunch (or vegetarian option), refreshments including fresh cider and farmstead cheeses, a hayride, tour of an on-farm cheese plant, barn history, a dinner reception featuring organic fare and local wines, and a group photo at a covered bridge.

The tour departs the PA Farm Show Auxiliary Parking Lot, Harrisburg, at 9 am and will return at 9:00pm. Registration is $99. Call 814-349-9856 or visit www.pasafarming.org for details and to register.

--Contributed by PASA

Pennsylvania Certified Organic’s Dairy Team will be working with dairy farmers and other experts to publish a new newsletter focusing on organic dairy issues.

The publication will be sent free of charge to PCO certified and transitioning dairy farmers on a monthly basis. Highlights will include articles on herd health, nutrition, record-keeping, pasture management, and crop production, and every issue will have a classifieds section for farmers and companies to advertise products specific to dairy farming. For more information, or to place an ad in the classified section, please contact Erin at the PCO office at (814) 364-1344 or erin@paorganic.org.

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Also available at [http://www.ento.psu.edu/extension/sustainableAg/default.html](http://www.ento.psu.edu/extension/sustainableAg/default.html)

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**PASA’s First-Ever Bus Tour is Ready to Roll**

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**Coming Soon:**

*Organic Dairy Matters Monthly Newsletter*

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To be added to the Sustainable Ag Working Groups’ mailing list, please call Linda Stewart-Moist at 814-865-7031 or e-mail lsm9@psu.edu.
The Farmers’ Legal Action Group (FLAG) has published *The Farmers’ Guide to Disaster Assistance* (2004), which describes federal disaster assistance programs that are available to help farmers, such as housing and grant assistance offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, disaster unemployment assistance, federal crop insurance, the noninsured crop disaster assistance program, the Emergency Conservation Program, disaster assistance programs for livestock producers, Emergency Loans from the Farm Service Agency, the Disaster Set-Aside program for existing loans from Farm Service Agency, and Small Business Administration Disaster Loans. The book includes brief discussions of bankruptcy and federal income tax issues as they relate to losses caused by natural disaster.

The book and updates are posted on the FLAG Web site, [http://www.flaginc.org/disaster.htm](http://www.flaginc.org/disaster.htm).

Other useful information on disaster relief includes:
- FLAG’s Summary of Disaster Programs: [http://www.agmatters.net/Development/DisasterProg1.pdf](http://www.agmatters.net/Development/DisasterProg1.pdf)
- FLAG’s recommended steps to be taken in a disaster: [http://www.agmatters.net/Development/DisasterProgUpdate.pdf](http://www.agmatters.net/Development/DisasterProgUpdate.pdf)

Numerous publications about integrated pest management (IPM) are now available as free downloadable PDF files from the Pennsylvania IPM Program’s Web site. For greenhouse growers, the manual “Greenhouse IPM with an Emphasis on Biocontrol” is also available from the PA IPM Web site. The manual was developed in response to the need for practical information on greenhouse IPM and biological control also known as biocontrol. It begins with an introduction to IPM and its principles, information on starting an IPM/biocontrol program and using compatible pesticides, and addresses many of the most common greenhouse pests and their biocontrols.

For gardeners trying to identify what six-legged creature is damaging their tomato plants, PA IPM’s publication “Identifying Vegetable Insect Pests in Pennsylvania” can help them find the answer. Targeted to the home gardener, the guide includes pictures and descriptions of vegetable pests commonly found in the garden and flower beds.

Mushroom growers can also find the help they need managing pests in "Pennsylvania Mushroom Integrated Pest-Management Handbook." The handbook is a joint effort of Pennsylvania State University, The American Mushroom Institute, and PA IPM. The handbook is intended to be used by growers as well as researchers, both as an educational tool and as a reference manual. Recommendations are to be used as a guide for developing an effective IPM program.

The publication is divided into two parts, the first covering the theory of IPM and the second dealing with IPM in mushroom growing. The first section explains the concepts of pest management, types of control and the importance of understanding pest life cycles and biology. The other half of the manual describes how the unique features of the crop can be used effectively in IPM.

Of course, all of these publications are available both at the IPM Program web site: [http://paipm.cas.psu.edu](http://paipm.cas.psu.edu) and as hard copies by contacting Publications Distribution Center, The Pennsylvania State University, College of Agricultural Sciences, 112 Agricultural Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802-2602. You can also contact them toll free at 1-877-345-0691. In addition to these publications, pest management advice can be found in the Pest Problem Solver web site [http://paipm.cas.psu.edu/problemSolv.html](http://paipm.cas.psu.edu/problemSolv.html)

The Pennsylvania IPM program is a collaboration between Penn State and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture aimed at promoting integrated pest management. For more information, contact the program at (814) 865-2839, or visit the program web site.

--- Contributed by Kristie Auman-Bauer, PA IPM Program.
This month’s book choice is recommended by Paul Mueller, Sustainable Ag Coordinator at North Carolina State University:

“Sustainable Capitalism: A Matter of Common Sense” by John Ikerd addresses the philosophical and scientific roots of sustainability, examines neglected ethical and moral aspects of capitalist economic theory, and advocates a new sustainable paradigm for all living organizations, businesses, economics, and societies.

Over the past half-century, capitalist economics has deviated from its original ethical and social purpose. Recently, capitalism has mutated into an amoral quest for economic growth at any cost. A relentless pursuit of profits and the "bottom line" poses a constant threat to civil society and the natural environment. The sustainability, indeed survival, of earth and the life upon it, is at risk under this brand of unfettered capitalism.

In order to maintain a new economics of sustainability, social and ethical values must be reintegrated into capitalist economics, thus restoring a sense of balance into the economic system that ensures that communities the world over will benefit and thrive. Sustainable Capitalism: A Matter of Common Sense suggests how capitalism can become a vehicle for these ends.

Both a penetrating critique of capitalism and an exploration of its vast and untapped potential for maximizing human welfare, Sustainable Capitalism: A Matter of Common Sense is written for a wide audience, including students and professors whose fields and interests embrace development, economics, ecology, sociology, and cultural anthropology. Those concerned with the future of our planet and the continued viability of global capitalism will regard this book as a vital addition to their libraries.

Dr. John Ikerd spent the first half of his 30-year academic career as a traditional free-market, neoclassical economist. He served on the faculties of four major state universities during his career: North Carolina State University, Oklahoma State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Missouri. Growing concerns for the lack of ecological, social, and economic sustainability of American agriculture during the 1980s led to broader concerns for the lack of sustainability for American society in general. As an economist, Dr. Ikerd eventually came to understand that growing threats to ecological and social sustainability are rooted in the neoclassical paradigm of economic development, which is inherently extractive and exploitative, and thus, is not sustainable. Dr. Ikerd spent the last half of his academic career and much of his time since retirement developing and testing the concepts and principles of an alternative development paradigm, the economics of sustainability, which are elucidated in this book.
Sustainable Ag Field Days and Workshops

Seed Saving with William Woys Weaver
September 28, 1-5 pm
Pennypack Farm, Montgomery County
Cost: $15 PASA Members, $25 Non-Members. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Heather House, heather@pasafarming.org, 814-349-9856 ext. 2. Please pre-register at www.pasafarming.org/programs/farm_based.htm.

Pumpkin Variety Demonstration
September 29, 2005.
None-Such Farms, Buckingham, Bucks County.

Cover Cropping to Improve Soil Quality, Manage Weeds and Improve Production
Charlestown Cooperative Farm, Chester County.
October 7, 2-5 pm.
Cost: $10 PASA Members, $15 Non-Members. Refreshments will be provided. This short afternoon tour will begin with an orientation of Charlestown Cooperative Farm in Phoenixville led by operators John and Aimee Good. This certified organic, mixed vegetable CSA operation is about 40 acres in size with about 22 acres used for production — 8 of those acres for mixed vegetables. In the past John and Aimee have used rye and hairy vetch as cover crops and recently tried blending red clover into this mixture with favorable results. In attempt to measure differences between the rye/hairy vetch mix with and without red clover, Penn State and PASA’s on-farm research team designed a replicated research trial to focus on the cover crops’ impact on both weed control and soil fertility. A planting of heirloom tomatoes will follow the cover crop. At the time of this field day we will present the results of tomato yields, which will determine how useful inclusion of the legume is in the cover crop mix. In addition, Penn State researchers will be on hand to discuss how cover crops can contribute to the overall weed and soil management efforts on farm. Please pre-register: http://www.pasafarming.org/programs/farm_based.htm.

Center for Sustainability Annual Fall Festival
October 2, 2005, 1-5 pm.
Penn State Center for Sustainability, Centre County. A variety of events and activities planned for the afternoon include a guest speaker, live solar powered music, hands-on demonstrations, and opportunities to find out what’s happening on the Penn State campus and in Centre County. Groups and organizations that would like to have a table for the day should contact David Lettero, dal182@psu.edu, CFS Director of Operations.

Integrated Small Ruminant Parasite Management Workshop
October 9, Tioga County
Info: Craig Williams at (570) 724-9120 or icw17@psu.edu.

Special Small Group Tour for Interns with the Nordells
Beech Grove Farm, Lycoming Co., Monday, October 10, 10 am-3 pm. Cost: $15 per apprentice. Bring a bagged lunch. For more information, contact Heather House at PASA. heather@pasafarming.org 814-349-9856 ext. 2.

Using Bioproducts in Vehicle and Landscape Maintenance Workshop
October 13, 2005, 9 am to 4 pm., Lancaster Farm & Home Center. For more information, contact Courtnay McKeal Email: cmckeal@state.pa.us Phone: (717) 787-3568

Passive Solar Greenhouse Workshop
October 14-15, 2005
1522 Lefever Lane, Spring Grove, PA 17362. Contact: Steve and Carol Moore (717) 225-2489 or sandcmoore@juno.com.
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What Works! The Future of Rural Entrepreneurship & Community Development in the Northeast
Windham Hotel, Burlington, Vermont, September 28-30, 2005. What Works! will bring together practitioners, researchers, educators, and decision-makers to explore the opportunities and challenges of entrepreneurship as a vehicle for rural economic development in the Northeast. We anticipate that this event will be the first step in the development of a regional plan of work that capitalizes on our many strengths, provides opportunities for future research and serves as a tool for leveraging resources in the coming years. Questions or comments? Please contact Mary Peabody, UVM Extension: Mary.Peabody@uvm.edu. Please visit the conference website: www.cas.nercrd.psu.edu/entrepreneur2005wksp.htm.

PASA’s Fall Farm Tour
Oct. 8, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. Departs the PA Farm Show Auxiliary Parking Lot, Harrisburg, at 9 am. $99 registration includes bus transportation, lunch, dinner, refreshments and souvenirs. Call 814-349-9856 or visit www.pasafarming.org for details and to register.

Fourth National Small Farm Conference - Enhancing Opportunities for Small Farmers and Ranchers

2005 Women in Sustainable Ag Conference: A Celebration of Hope and Opportunity
October 21-23, 2005. A 2-day national conference to honor the role of women in agriculture, celebrate the power of women’s networks to create change and to plant the seeds for future work. Registration information will be available in mid-2005. Location: Burlington, Vermont. For more information, visit www.uvm.edu/wagn/womeningag.html or contact Berlin, VT 05602. beth.holtzman@uvm.edu 802-223-2389 ext. 15.

Pennsylvania Sheep, Goat, Grazing and Production Conference.
October 28-29, Somerset, PA. Info: Charlie Cathcart at (717) 349-2511 or charlesp@innernet.net.

Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium
Nov. 3 – 5, 2005. Burlington. New, aspiring and seasoned dairy sheep farmers and artisanal cheese-makers from across North America will gather to discuss dairy sheep farming, cheese-making and marketing. The Small Ruminant Dairy Project of the University of Vermont (UVM) Center for Sustainable Agriculture will host the 11th annual Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium to be held at the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont.

The first day will focus on starting a sheep dairy operation with presentations on farm and cheese start-up considerations, flock management, lamb rearing techniques, finances, and milk and cheese marketing. An optional 3-hour workshop will train participants in how to taste and qualify sheep cheeses.

The second day will bring more advanced seminars on grazing and nutrition, farm labor, lactational persistency, milk fat synthesis, raw milk cheese safety, and retail cheese marketing.

The symposium will conclude with a tour of Vermont farmstead cheese operations: Three Owls Farm in Granville and Bonneview Farm in Craftsbury, and Creek Road Cheese Company in Irasburg. Open houses will also be offered at two well-known farms in New York, Old Chatham Sheepherding Company and 3-Corner Field Farm. The Vermont Institute of Artisanal Cheese’s advanced French cheese-making-workshop and (continued on page 6)
a starter culture short course will be a pre-conference offerings. The registration fee is $135 per person. There are discounts for members of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America (DSANA), students, and children under 12. Registration is available online; visit [www.uvm.edu/sustainableagriculture/smallrumi.html](http://www.uvm.edu/sustainableagriculture/smallrumi.html) for details.

For more information about registration, call Candice Huber at (802) 656-5459; sustainable.agriculture@uvm.edu. For symposium questions, please contact Small Ruminant Dairy Specialist and conference organizer Carol Delaney at 802-656-0915; e-mail carol.delaney@uvm.edu. Dairy industry organizations are encouraged to become sponsors and exhibit at a vendor fair to meet farmers and learn their needs. The symposium is sponsored by the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Babcock Institute, and the Dairy Sheep Symposium of North America.

American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America (Tri-Societies) Annual Meetings
November 6-12, 2005, in Salt Lake City, UT.


The Tri-Societies yearly meetings bring together 4,000+ people from 40 countries representing academia, government and private industry, including a large contingent of undergraduate and graduate students.

Identifying Strategies to Support Sustainable Ag
November 6 - 9, 2005. Loew's Le Concorde Hotel, Quebec City QC. Contact Conference Administrator, 1027 Pembroke Street East, Suite 200, Pembroke ON K8A 3M4 Canada T: 800-868-8776 or 613-732-7068. F: 613-732-3386, E: profedge@renc.igs.net

7th Annual Future of Our Food and Farms Summit: Farm and Schools: Growing Our Future
In conjunction with the 2nd Annual Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture Commodity Processing Food Show. December 14, 2005. Harrisburg, PA. For more information, visit [www.foodfarm.org](http://www.foodfarm.org).

Mid-Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention
January 31 – February 2, 2006. For more information contact the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association at pvga@pvga.org or visit [http://www.pvga.org/](http://www.pvga.org/).

5th Natural Resource Extension Professionals Conference: Finding the "Ability" in Sustainability
May 14 -17, 2006; Canyons Resort, Park City, Utah (www.thecanyons.com) Conference Web Site:
[http://www.ANREP2006.org](http://www.ANREP2006.org). Learn about ANREP at: [http://anrep.org](http://anrep.org). Issues surrounding sustainability are gaining increased attention. A variety of interpretations, definitions, and opinions surround the ways in which it is approached. To remain relevant, the Cooperative Extension System must be at the forefront of sustainability education efforts, and this conference will help enhance those efforts. Consider attending and presenting at this important conference that will attract hundreds of Extension professionals.
Sustainable Ag Funding Opportunities

Northeastern Region IPM Competitive Grants Program
The FY 2006 Request for Applications for the Northeastern Region Integrated Pest Management Competitive Grants Program is now posted on the Northeastern IPM Center’s website. The RIPM program funds IPM projects in research, extension, and combined research extension with project limits as high as $180,000 depending on project type and number of states involved. In the 2005 funding cycle, approximately $604,000 was awarded to 7 projects. For the first time, some awards were made in the “critical step” project type, with limits of no more than $15,000 over no more than 2 years. Letter of intent due: Monday, Oct. 7, 2005. Proposals due: Monday, Nov 18, 2005. The URL is: http://neipmc.org/about_fund.cfm

SARE Farmer/Grower Grants
The Northeast Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program (SARE) recently released updated application materials for its Farmer/Grower grant program. These grants support Northeast farmers who want to explore innovative sustainable practices on their farms. The program allows farmers to conduct experiments, try new approaches, and test emerging ideas about ag sustainability. The average grant is about $5,800, and awards are capped at $10,000. To apply, you must be a full- or part-time commercial farmer in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont, or Washington, D.C. Community farms and farms associated with a nonprofit institution may apply, but only if they are growing and selling agricultural products under the same economic constraints that affect commercial growers. Farmer/Grower Grant applications can be downloaded from the Northeast SARE web site at www.uvm.edu/~nesare, or a printed application can be requested by calling 802/656-0471 or by sending e-mail to nesare@uvm.edu. The SARE Farmer/Grower Grants deadline is December 6, 2005.

Pig Farmer Assistance Program
Fair Food—a project of the White Dog Cafè Foundation in partnership with the SVF Foundation—is looking to help independent pig farmers raise heritage breed pigs on pasture by offering small grants ($1,000 to $10,000).

Timeline: Grants will be dispersed between January 1st, 2005 and October 31st 2005. We recommend that farmers apply early, as we will be accepting applications on a rolling basis until funds run out. What the grant can be used for: Equipment/ materials/ infrastructure, breeding stock/animals, technical assistance. For more information or for clarifications, contact Bridget Croke at 215-386-9224 x123 or bridget@whitedog.com www.whitedogcafefoundation.org

Organic Planning Grants
The Organic Center for Education and Promotion is offering grants up to $5,000.00 for research teams working to develop proposals for submission to public or private research programs. Application Process: Letters of application may be submitted to the Center at any time during 2005 and may support the preparation of a proposal for submission in a 2006 program cycle. Please limit your description of the team and proposed work to four single-spaced pages; the additional information requested (resumes, research articles) should be included as attachments. Requests for more information and letters of application shall be sent to: Dr. Charles Benbrook, Chief Scientist, Organic Center for Education and Promotion, 5085 Upper Pack River Road, Sandpoint, Idaho 83864 Email: cbenbrook@organic-center.org Phone: 208-263-5236

First Industries Fund
First Industries provides $100 million for agriculture. Projects in production agriculture, agricultural processing, farmers markets, wholesalers, and retail grocers in rural and under-served urban areas are eligible. Applications are processed through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) via the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Contact: For more information call Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture’s Bureau of Market Development, (717) 787-6041.
NE-FOOD list serve
NE-FOOD offers an up-to-the-minute virtual online forum for information exchange on issues related to food and agriculture in the Northeast. Over 450 subscribers use the list serve to keep up with current food and farm topics, discuss policy issues, link to relevant news articles and background pieces, share information, and also learn about job and funding opportunities. No chatter, just great connections. To subscribe to NE-FOOD, go to https://elist.tufts.edu/wws/subrequest/nefood.

Bugwood network of websites and resources
The unique information depository recorded more than 43 million "hits" on its family of websites in 2004 as researchers, students, and others took advantage of the images and other information offered at no cost for educational purposes (and on a fee basis for commercial use). The award-winning network exists to gather, create, maintain, promote the use of, and economically distribute digital information as tools, primarily in the fields of entomology, forestry, forest health, and natural resources, but in fact offers much greater diversity. The Bugwood archives contain over 30,000 downloadable images. Beyond the massive file of photos there are also numerous text information sources. Organism images carry full nomenclature as well as references to other sources. And despite its name, Bugwood knowledgeably includes extensive files of diseases and weeds. The main website is: http://www.bugwood.org from which subsidiary sites can be accessed.

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Soybean Rust Scouting Tool
Keys to effective disease management are scouting and identification, followed by the important question of assessing disease extent. To determine the percentage of infection present requires close observation of plant leaves and comparison with a known standard. For Phakopsora pachyrhizi (Asian soybean rust), plant pathologists S. Bissonnette and D. Malvick at the Univ. of Illinois (U.S.) have developed a Soybean Rust Severity Key card depicting leaf surface areas showing 1, 3, 5, and 10 percent visible lesions. The durable cards, with a retractable holder and lanyard, can be used to make quick comparisons with actual field samples. A companion item is a professional quality, folding pocket magnification lens. Also available is a free CD, "Soybean Rust--Scout Before You Spray." All the items can be ordered using the form at: http://www.ipm.uiuc.edu/bulletin/pdf/orderform.pdf.

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To unsubscribe from the list, please send a blank e-mail to leave-sustag-wg@lists.cas.psu.edu.
**Sustainable Ag Headlines**

**Fresh gets Invited to the Cool Table**

“From the University of Montana to public schools in Tallahassee, Fla., officials at more than 200 universities and 400 school districts are supporting a farm-to-cafeteria movement to build their menus around fresh local ingredients. And students are cheering instead of complaining.

...Those who have embraced the concept cite the advantages, from fighting obesity among the young to helping the local economy. And while the Department of Agriculture has provided very little money for farm to cafeteria programs, individual administrators are using sustainable agriculture as part of the new federal wellness initiative, which requires school districts, in consultation with parents, students and schools, to create a comprehensive wellness program, especially nutrition guidelines.

...At the college and university level, using local food has many pluses, said Dr. S. Georgianna Nugent, president of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. As colleges compete for students, locally grown food has become a marketing tool for baby boomer parents, who created the organic food movement, and their environmentally aware children.

... Some colleges feature occasional seasonal menus with local products. A number of them, including Bates College in Lewiston, Me.; Oberlin in Ohio; Ohio University in Athens; Berkeley College at Yale; and Penn College of Technology, an affiliate of Penn State, as well as Kenyon and Middlebury, offer menus on which 30 percent or more of the food is locally grown.

... Niles Gebele, Aramark's food service director at Kenyon, who helped pioneer the company's participation in such programs, said: "It's a real departure from the traditional industrial supply source: one phone call and you get all your stuff. Now it's a little more complicated, but there is evidence that good operators can respond to this." Serving local foods at public schools and colleges and universities "is not just a fad," said John Turenne, who was with Aramark for 25 years, most recently as the executive chef at Yale's Berkeley College.”

**Attack on the Commuter Tomatoes**

“Residents fed up with bland produce have also been signing up in increasing numbers for community-supported-agriculture cooperatives, in which each participant pays for a six-month share of farm-grown fruit and vegetable harvests. ...Co-ops offer yet another way to go "really local." The most local of produce, of course, is one's very own....”

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**Sustainable Ag Club**

The Sustainable Ag Club is a student-run organization that serves to help the Penn State community understand the issues and importance of sustainable agriculture, so that community members may put their knowledge into action both locally and globally. One motto that easily sums up our focus is "Healthy Food, Healthy Environment." Our club is organized into four main parts: 1) educating our members about sustainable agriculture, 2) creating public awareness, 3) fundraising and recruiting (to keep our club going), and 4) a long-term advocacy project. Some of the activities we hope to do this semester are visit a sustainable vegetable farm in Mars, PA, have a speaker discuss the sources of WalMart foods, participate in the Shaver's Creek Halloween Trail, and select a long-term advocacy project. Our club meets every other Wednesday, starting Sept. 21 at 8pm in 118 ASI Building. Students can help with activities/events even if they can't make the meetings.

Direct all questions about the Sustainable Ag Student Club to President Kate Nickles (kate.nickles@psu.edu) or Vice President Erin Beasley (ebeasley@psu.edu).
**Organic Dairying with PCO**

October 18-19, 10 am-3 pm Midway Mennonite Center, Lancaster County.

Cost: $80 PASA and PCO Members; $100 Non Members. Registration is limited. Lunch will be provided both days. Valuable resource guides included.

For more information, contact Heather House at PASA: heather@pasafarming.org, 814-349-9856 ext. 2.

**Organic Dairy and Crop Inspector Training w/PCO**

October 20-21, 9 am-6 pm Midway Mennonite Center, Lancaster County.

Cost: $250 for PASA and PCO Members; $275 Non-Members (includes costs of two-day field event on October 18 and 19.) Registration is limited and an application is required. Only qualified applicants will be accepted into this program. Lunch will be provided both days. Affordable lodging available; ask for details. For more information, contact Heather House at PASA: heather@pasafarming.org, 814-349-9856 ext. 2.