



Ag Awareness Week, 2010

Providing a Wealth of Production and Farm Business Development Ideas!

Penn State Extension and the Future of Ag Task Force are proud to sponsor Ag Awareness Week, 2010. This year's Ag Awareness Week will be from March 15 -20 and will feature several programs during the week. Listed below are the program write-ups for all of the programs that will be happening. Please read through the list to see which programs interest you. **To register for any program, please mail-in the enclosed registration form. All programs are "pay at the door."** The registration deadline is **March 12, 2010!** Thank you for participating in our exciting Ag Awareness Week!

Monday, March 15, 2010

AGRONOMY DAY

Warren County Extension - Conference Room

\$10 includes Lunch, Refreshments and Materials

- 10:30 a.m. **Safe Guard Your Health by Limiting Exposure to Pesticides – 2 core**
Joel M. Hunter, CCA, Northwest Dairy Team-Agronomy
- 11:00 a.m. **Home Grown Diesel – Machinery Modification and Equipment needed to use Home Grown Fuel**
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Sorting Out the New Technology – GMO's, Seed Treatment and Stocked Traits which make sense for Warren County – 2 category**
Joel M. Hunter, CCA, Northwest Dairy Team-Agronomy
- 1:45 p.m. **Increase Your Profits by Growing both Feed and Fuel – Plants and Cropping Programs which will work in Warren County**
Joel M. Hunter, CCA, Northwest Dairy Team-Agronomy

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

VEGETABLE DAY

Warren County Extension - Conference Room

\$10 includes Lunch, Refreshments and Materials

- 10:30 a.m. **Herbs for Fun and Profit**
Ruth Benner, Extension Horticulture Educator
- 11:00 a.m. **Regulations, Inspections, Certificates and Licenses needed to sell Food Retail**
Ray Kenney, Food Sanitarian, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Jill Gevin, Food Sanitarian, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Cut Flowers – Expand your Business**
Ruth Benner, Extension Horticulture Educator
- 2:00 p.m. **How the Meadville Market Evolved into a Year Around Market and Products I Wish Local Farmers Would Grow**
Alice Sjolander, Manager of Meadville Market House

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Evening Program

BACKYARD GARDENS

Warren County Extension – Conference Room

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

\$5.00 Includes Refreshments and Materials

Home Herb and Vegetable Garden Disease and Pest Management

*Ruth Benner, Community Garden and Nursery IPM Educator, Penn State Extension,
Erie County*

Wildflowers – Hidden Gems in Our Backyards

*L. Christian Mosebach, Forestry/Natural Resources Educator, Penn State Extension,
Warren County*

Butterfly Gardens

Josie Gerardi, Penn State Master Gardener

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

DAIRY DAY

Warren County Extension – Conference Room

\$10 includes Lunch, Refreshments and Materials

- 10:30 a.m.** **How Milk is Priced – the PMMB and Your Milk Check**
George Wilcox, Northwest Dairy Agent
- 11:00 a.m.** **Expensive Energy and the Dairy Farm: Electric Deregulation, Conservation, On Farm
Energy Production**
Dennis Buffington, Penn State Ag Engineer
- 12:00 noon** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.** **How Milk is priced – The Federal Order and Your Milk Check**
George Wilcox, Northwest Dairy Agent
- 1:45 p.m.** **Grain Marketing for Dairywomen: Grow, Buy or Hedge – How Do You Decide**
Jim Dunn, Penn State Ag Economist

Friday, March 19, 2010

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DAY

Warren County Extension – Conference Room

\$10.00 includes Lunch, Refreshments and Materials

- 10:30 a.m.** **How to Think Like a Business Person -Developing the Entrepreneurial Spirit**
Dan Brockett, Business Development Educator
- 12:00 noon** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Applying for a Business Loan? How to Communicate with Your Banker**
Bob Weaver, Northwest Bank Ag Loan Officer
- 2:00 p.m.** **Have a New Product to Sell? Let's Determine How to Price It**
Erin Cuprinka, Ag Business Development Educator

Saturday, March 20, 2010
FORESTRY/NATURAL RESOURCES DAY

Sustainable Forestry Initiative
Introduction to Forest Management
Warren County Extension – Conference Room
\$10 includes Lunch, Refreshments and Materials

- 9:00 –9:30 a.m.** **Introduction, Who and What is SFI?**
Scott Weikert, Forestry Educator, Forest County Extension
- 9:30 –10:00 a.m.** **Pennsylvania Forest History**
Chris Mosebach, Forestry/Natural Resources Educator, Warren County Extension
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** **Outside Session (at Buckaloons) Car Pool**
Scott Weikert, Forestry Educator, Forest County Extension
Chris Mosebach, Forestry/Natural Resources Educator, Warren County Extension
Gary Micsky, Natural Resources Educator, Mercer County Extension
- 11:30 -11:45** **Break**
- 11:45 -12:30 p.m.** **Forest Ecology**
Gary Micsky, Natural Resources Educator, Mercer County Extension
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.** **Forest Management Techniques**
Chris Mosebach, Forestry/Natural Resources Educator, Warren County Extension
- 2:15- 3:00 p.m.** **Forestry BMP's (Best Management Practices)**
Scott Weikert, Forestry Educator, Forest County Extension
- 3:00- 3:15 p.m.** **Questions and Answers**
- 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.** **Evaluation and Closing**



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