

In collaboration with Blair County Conservation District, National Resources Conservation Services,
PA Department of Agriculture, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation,
The Pennsylvania Women's Agricultural Network
presents

PRESERVING CLOVER CREEK: BEST PRACTICES FOR CONSERVATION & PROFITABILITY

May 23, 2011

10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.



MILL HILL DAIRY
164 MILL HILL ROAD
WILLIAMSBURG, PA 16693
OJALA FARM & CLOVER CREEK
CHEESE CELLAR
5161 CLOVER CREEK ROAD
WILLIAMSBURG PA 16693
(BLAIR COUNTY)

Tour the barns and pastures at Mill Hill Dairy & Ojala Farm. Mill Hill Dairy has been in the Biddle family since 1797 and is currently owned by Jim and Carol Biddle. They produce crops and milk 370-head of Holsteins. The Biddles, who were awarded the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award in 2010, have a long history of implementing best management practices that help reduce soil erosion, streambank protection, and nutrient loss. From them we will learn about the benefits of streambank fencing and their new composted bedding pack system installed in 2010. Our group will meet in the afternoon at Ojala Farm for a locally grown lunch & learn about the funds available for streambank fencing and other water-quality enhancing initiatives. David and Terry Rice produce raw milk cheese, grass-based beef, and eggs from pastured poultry. The Rice family owns 126 acres of pasture and woods bordering Clover Creek and milks 60-80 Jersey, Ayrshire, Milking Shorthorn, Holstein, and cross-bred cattle, rotating them to fresh pasture after each milking. This farm has always emphasized sustainable agriculture and is a 2005 recipient of the Pennsylvania Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Farm Award.

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 10:15 a.m. Tour Mill Hill Dairy Farm
- Noon Gather at Ojala Farm for Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Conservation Programs to Fund WaterQuality Improvements
- 1:15 p.m. Tour Ojala Farm & Clover Creek Cheese Cellar
- 2:15 p.m. Evaluation
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: \$15
(includes lunch & materials)

Online Registration:

<http://svy.mk/May23Reg>

For additional details contact:

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All are welcome to participate in events
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DIRECTIONS

Directions to Mill Hill Dairy
(first stop on the tour)

Available Online at:

<http://bit.ly/May23Directions>

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