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For what shall it profit a man to gain
the world and lose his soul. - Mark 8:36

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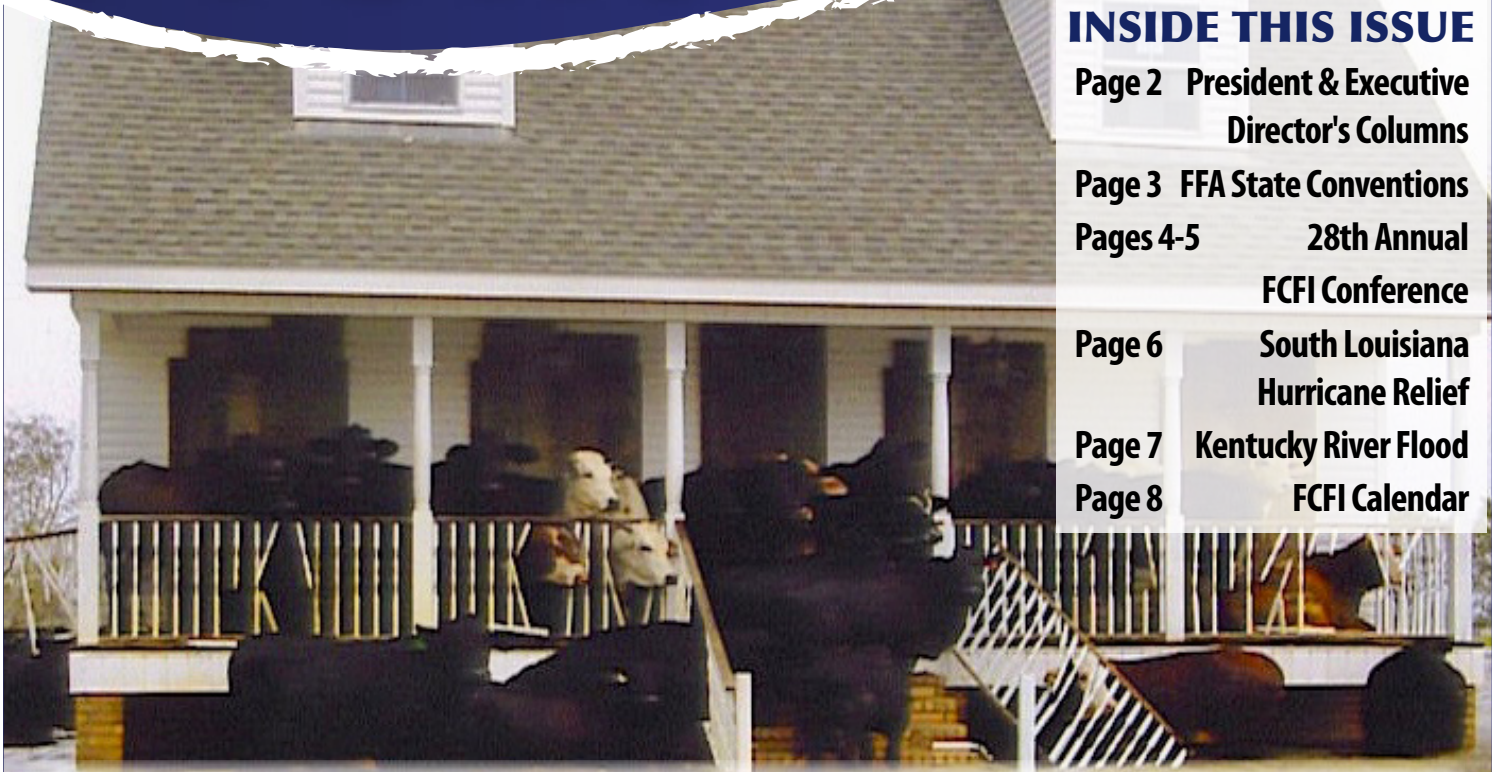
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Hurricane Rita, September 2005 - Vermilion Parrish Louisiana 15th Anniversary



Farm Shows re-opening in 2021



Truckloads of hay shipped to South Louisiana and the Kentucky River

Sowing, Serving, Reaping for Christ Around the World





CP Foster
FCFI President

Sowing, Serving, Reaping for Christ around the world embodies the mission of The Fellowship of Christian Farmers International (FCFI). The three pronged ministry of FCFI, evangelism, disaster relief, and short term mission trips, enables us to show the love of Christ through a wide range of settings. All this is made possible through God's grace and mercy and the volunteers that serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. FCFI is truly blessed to have a strong core of volunteers that give sacrificially of their time, talents, and finances to support the mission of FCFI. The FCFI Board of Directors offers our heartfelt thanks to our staff and all the volunteers that convey the message of Acts 16:31 "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved-you and your household."

There are many ways to support the work of FCFI but none are as important as prayer. You don't have to be wealthy, young, strong, or gifted in any way to be a prayer warrior. Phillipians 4:6 tells us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

George Mueller was a great man of God who built the orphanages in Bristol, England where ten thousand children passed through his hands without him once asking for a penny. He realized that if he focused his mind on the Word of God, he could then pray effectively. He would read a portion of scripture each and every day then pray around that scripture.

FCFI has expanded its prayer guide outreach by taking the work of Mary Jones, our prayer coordinator, and making it available as a daily e-mail delivered each and every morning to your inbox. Mary offers a verse of scripture each day on which to focus and meditate. Just as George Mueller you can pray around that scripture which is accompanied by an appropriate picture for that verse. Also specific prayer requests are included as well as dates and places where FCFI will be sharing the Gospel message. Charles Finney preached in America during the Second Great Awakening and is said to have over eighty percent of his converts remain true to the Lord. Few realize that an elderly man by the name of Father Nash would always come into town prior to Finney's arrival and spend the night on his knees praying. When Finney arrived Father Nash would move onto the next town. You can be the most important part of our outreach ministry by praying for our volunteers and staff ahead of scheduled events, disaster relief projects and mission trips. Please notify kris@fcfi.org to get involved in being a part of proclaiming hope for our nation and the world. - CP Foster, FCFI Board President

On the Cover - Executive Director's Report



Dennis Schlager
FCFI Executive Director

Planning for 2020 ministry included a gathering in Abbeville, Louisiana with the Vermilion Parrish Cattlemen to remember the massive storm surge of Hurricane Rita. The surge reached Vermilion Parrish, west to Lake Charles, Louisiana and the Calcasieu Parrish. The surge salt water was three feet deep north 20 miles to I-10 and 100 miles east and west from Abbeville to Lake Charles.

The surge water stayed for a month contaminating the soil from crop production for the next two years. FCFI hauled 146 semi loads of hay and built fences on both sides of the road from Erath to Pecan Island. The Lord provided wire, posts, hay and bonded the Vermilion Parrish cattlemen in friendship with farmers who came from all over America as we built fences for over a year. Little did we know that the Lord had a reunion planned for South Louisiana—

a reunion to build more fence and ship more hay rekindling our friendship bonds through the Lord. Multiple hurricanes touched South Louisiana this past season beginning with Hurricane Laura in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Laura made landfall at Cameron, Louisiana and proceeded north through Lake Charles and on to Deridder, Louisiana. Hurricane Rita's landfall was on the Sabine River- the Texas/Louisiana border. Hurricanes Rita & Laura had parallel landfalls heavily damaging Cameron again. Page Six has photos and more news regarding the Hurricane Rita anniversary fence building. Much more disaster work remains in Lake Charles region. Organize a Louisiana relief team and contact the FCFI Home Office to get registered. (article continues on the next page)

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FFA State Conventions begin in South Dakota and Iowa



FCFI Area Director Mike Weaver shares the gospel message with South Dakota FFA students at the South Dakota State FFA, April 12-13th in Rapid City, South Dakota. A very thoughtful lady in Mike's church made special dolls with a wordless walking stick bracelet fastened to the doll. Over 1500 FFA members attended the South Dakota State FFA Convention in Rapid City for the first time in 82 years.



South Dakota FCFI coordinator, Marlyn Bunger, left, interacts with an FFA member as FCFI Area Director, Jeff Goss, right, listens to an FFA member ask a question about the wordless bracelet. Being with 1500 South Dakota high school students for two days in Rapid City restores a person's hope for America's future. FFA members are invited to join an FCFI Zoom Team online to make new FFA member friendships in other states and study God's Word. Pray for this discipleship effort as the Lord leads FCFI how best to do this. So far 27 students want to be part of a Zoom Team!



Ralph Hoksbergen, left; Mike Weaver, standing rear; Glenn Schuler, front; Earl Dufelmeier, covered up by students, back right; and wearing his favorite USA cap, David Ferris, front right; all sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with 17 FFA members at the Iowa State FFA Convention, April 19-20th in the Hy Vee Event Center in Des Moines, Iowa. It's a first class problem when you are covered up in a photo by six Iowa FFA students as Earl Dufelmeier talks about the student's spiritual lives with Jesus Christ. (If you look close you can see Earl's left pant leg.)



Over 7000 Iowa FFA members attended the Iowa State FFA Convention, April 19-20th in Des Moines. Central City, Nebraska farmer, David Ferris reviews the wordless walking stick owner operator manual as he shares a gospel presentation with four Iowa FFA members. Interacting with young people about their faith in Jesus Christ helps David stay younger. Ferris is making plans for a Nebraska FCFI tent exhibit at Husker Harvest Days in September. Your help is needed to set up FCFI exhibits in Nebraska this summer and fall. (The live show returns.) As our calendar shows many more State FFA Conventions happen May-July. Please pray for these State Convention Exhibits as farmers share their faith with students.

(Executive Director's report - continued from page 2)

Farm Shows are back across the country. FCFI Area Director, Mike Weaver, shows a youngster a Stihl Chainsaw he used in Keystone, Iowa following the derecho windstorm in August. The Iowa Ag Expo in Des Moines; the Sioux Falls Farm Show; and Michael and Karen Steele at the RV Show in York, Pennsylvania re-opened the FCFI exhibition season. Praise the Lord for all the people working to get wordless walking sticks ready to share the gospel message!

Truckloads of hay were delivered by FCFI President C.P. Foster to Abbeville & Lake Charles, Louisiana and to Beattyville, Kentucky. The Kentucky River flooded February 28-March 1 with a flash of power. Many cattle were lost. Much more fence needs to be built this spring and fall. Contact the FCFI Home Office to join a team with many young people on it. More Kentucky River flooding news in on page seven of Profit.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International ministry through the Pandemic. The Lord has opened many new doors and is preparing hearts to respond to the gospel message.

In Him,

Dennis Schlagel, FCFI Executive Director



28th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

*"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back,
is fit for the Kingdom of God" Luke 9:62*

July 23 - 25, 2021 - Stittville, New York

FEATURING

- Mission Reports
- Devotions
- Special Speakers
- Concert
- Great food and fellowship
- FCFI Auction
- Museum Tours

Keynote Speaker

Rev. Dana Spurgeon



Special Music

The Lindsey Family



Saturday Evening Concert

Redeeming Love Fellowship Church

9011 NYS 365, Stittville, New York 13469

For more information, contact: FCFI (309) 365-8710 or fellowship@fcfi.org

Register and Pay with your Credit Card at www.fcfi.org

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Registration Form

28th Annual FCFI Conference
July 23 - 25, 2021 - Stittville, NY

Name _____ # of attendees _____

Names of additional attendees _____

Address _____

Telephone 1 _____ Telephone 2 _____

NOTE: Conference starts Friday night @4pm with Registration -Meet your Hosts - Lodging.
Dinner at 5:30pm, program to follow

RSVP (315) 736 - 5964

Amount Remitted \$ _____

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Region 8 FCFI, LLC
6251 Cavanaugh Rd, Marcy, NY 13403

Conference and Additional Activities

CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE PAYMENT

- | | |
|---|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Tour & Lunch | \$12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Dinner & Program | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday (2 meals & concert) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Concert | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Breakfast | FREE |

*Cost does not include hotel.
Accommodations on following page.*

Friday Tours

Friday, July 23 Tour & Lunch

8:30 am - Car Pool Tour

Leave Redeeming Love Fellowship Tour to visit
Porterdale Farms, Adams Center, NY

11:30 am - Maple Museum, Lunch, and Meat Market

Leave for Maple Museum, Croghan, NY
Lunch - \$12
Quick stop at Croghan Meat Market

4:00 pm - Conference Registration

Meet Your Hosts, Lodging

**Please pay for additional conference
activities when registering for conference.**



Motel Lodging Information

*We suggest you check out each website to find the motel that meets
your needs and budget. Nightly fees are estimates and could change.
Make your reservations early.*

The Inn at Turning Stone

(315) 363-0096
5558 West Main St
Verona, NY 13478
\$80/night, 17 miles from church

Quality Inn

(315) 336-4300
200 S. James St.
Rome, NY
\$95/night, 10 miles from church

LaQuinta

(855) 680-3239
5394 Willow Place
Verona, NY 13478
\$140/night, 19 miles from Church

Red Roof Inn

(800) 498-4046
20 Weaver St.
Utica, NY 13502
\$70/night, 13 miles from church

Hampton Inn

(315) 709-0000
1352 Floyd Ave
Rome, NY 13441
\$140/night, 8 miles from church

Days Inn by Wyndham

(800) 498-4046
150 N. Genesee St
Utica, NY 13502
\$75/night, 13 miles from church

Travel Inn

(315) 855-3561
5370 St Rte 233
Westmoreland, NY 13490
\$60/night, 14 miles from church



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number listed below to request this option.

We want you to attend and to help in any way
we can to make this conference affordable.

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Part of the 15th Anniversary since Hurricane Rita made landfall in 2005 was getting to see our friends in South Louisiana. After Hurricane Laura's landfall in Calcasieu Parrish last September immediate disaster relief was front and center. Thankfully some of our friends sustained minor damage to their homes so they could lead disaster relief. Two of the Fellowship's South Louisiana friends included two of the men in this photo. Randy Jemison, Lake Charles, LA and Jimmy Hoppe, Fenton, LA shown left, are rice growing professionals and personal friends that committed to organize FCFI disaster relief teams with FCFI Disaster Coordinator, Mike Weaver. Joining Randy and Jimmy were Colorado wheat grower, Ivan Wiebke, and Michigan corn & soybean grower, Jamie Bush. Jamie Bush worked with and met Randy Jemison during the Hurricane Rita disaster. Jamie contacts Randy every hurricane to make sure South Louisiana is safe. Ivan stays in touch with Vermilion Parrish cattlemen. Friendship is powerful in American agriculture today. Ivan was able to contact his friends and learn how they are doing.



Calcasieu Parrish pastures were supersaturated for a long time. Fence repair had to wait to avoid excess damage to fields. South Louisiana will have long term disaster relief need. There will be fences to build in the fall of 2021. Prayfully consider organizing a South Louisiana fence building crew and contact the FCFI Home Office when you are ready.



Grain bins suffered greatly during this year's Hurricane season with multiple storms.



Miss Percy's home is getting a new roof that will not leak.



With multiple Hurricanes hitting the Lake Charles city and the Calcasieu Parrish land, there will be a year of fixing and rebuilding dwellings. FCFI Board member, Steve Cernek shown here fourth from the left, organized a team to help people where needed. Steve's brother, John, is on the left of the photo. Greg Cormier, third from the left and his ministry partner, second from the left, both represented Operation Hope and provided the roofing materials for the project. Miss Percy was the recipient of the repaired roof. She was deeply touched by the Lord's provision of materials and workers from Wisconsin. The two remaining workers in the photo are Bill Thompson and Gene Schick.





February 28 - March 1 heavy rain flash flooded the Kentucky River where the bluegrass meets the Appalachian Mountains. This flash flooding created situations where momma cows were caught in the low lying pastures or in buildings where the animals could not escape the flood water. In many cases nothing could be done by ranchers to save the cows, bulls and calves. One of the worst experiences in American agriculture. The flooded city is Beattyville, Kentucky.

As hay from Ohio arrived local farmers unloaded the trucks so farmers could dry lot cattle preventing damage to hay ground and pastures. Much new fence needs to be built in the next six weeks. There is no such thing as a well-timed disaster. Contact the FCFI Home Office to register your disaster team to help Kentucky farm families.

FCFI President C.P. Foster and FCFI Secretary Bob Carpenter delivered a semi-load of hay to the Kentucky River Flood area. In addition, a cargo trailer of used shoes and clothing was delivered to a mission in the area. Continue to pray how your church could be involved helping folks recover from the flood damage.



Kentucky Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Representative, Jim Garrett, contacted FCFI Disaster Coordinator, Mike Weaver to enlist the Fellowship of Christian Farmers to help with Kentucky River Flood damage. Mike Weaver has coordinated several crews of fence builders and several loads of wire and posts. More wire and posts are needed. Contact Mike Weaver, at 618-499-1386, to volunteer a crew or disaster relief supplies. Shown in this photo is Ryan Reams, DVM, left; FCFI President C.P. Foster, center; and FCFI Disaster Relief Coordinator, Mike Weaver.



The Fellowship placed commercial ads in both the Illinois and Indiana AgriNews to let farm families know about the Kentucky River Flooding. One cattleman, Dale Ulrich from Low Point, Illinois, got the word out through his church and neighboring cattlemen. The result was a pallet of (400) new steel fence posts and one pallet of Keystone brand "Red Brand" barbed wire (27 rolls). The group also included enough electric fence wire, posts and connectors to build a half mile of portable fencing. Praise the Lord for this generous and heartfelt donation of fencing materials.

Some of the 27 rolls of barbed wire donated by a group of cattlemen in Low Point, Illinois. Another donation of woven wire and wood posts was received recently in Northern Indiana. FCFI could use your help hauling the fencing supplies to Beattyville, Indiana. Contact the FCFI Home Office for details. Thank you for your consideration of this project.





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Pray for FFA State Conventions



FCFI Farm Show & Calendar of Events

VIEW THE CALENDAR, AND CHECK FOR UPDATES AT WWW.FCFI.ORG

MAY		JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
12	Alabama FFA Convention Pete Singer (2021) (virtual)	16-17	Sandhills Ranch Expo - Bassett, NE	3-5	Empire Farm Days - Seneca Falls, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	1-5	Sullivan County Fair Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110
15-17	Middlecreek Valley Antique Association (2021) - Michael Steele, 570-494-1240	21-23	South Carolina FFA - Greenville, SC Jeff Goss, Thomas Herlong (virtual)	4-8	Niagara County Fair - Lockport, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	1-6	Wyoming County Fair - Meshoppen, PA Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110
21-23	Four State Farm Show - Pittsburg, KS Jeff Goss, 304-610-1835	26	Danville Spring Fling - Danville, PA Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110	6-8	Corn Festival - Eden, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	1-6	Walworth County Fair - Elkhorn, WI Mike Brehm, 262-632-3519
22	FCFI Golf Tournament, Boonville, NY	28-30	Tennessee FFA - Gatlinburg Convention Center - Nick Korn, 731-780-6272 (hybrid)	2-8	Union County West End Fair - Laurelton, PA Pete DePinto, 570-988-6215	3-5	NYS Balloon Fest - Dannsville, NY Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
JUNE		1-3	National Red Power Round Up- DuQuoin, IL Jeff Goss, 314-610-1835	4-6	Minnesota Farmfest - Redwood Falls, MN Doug Peterson, 507-236-6460	3-5	Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show Michael Steele, 570-494-1240
1	Illinois FFA Convention - Normal, IL Cornbelters Corn Crib Dennis Schlager, 309-530-7004	2-10	Millville Carnival, Millville, PA * subject to change - Doc Devoe	7	Centerpoint Church Music Festival Barneveld, NY - Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	4-7	Hebron Harvest Fair - Hebron, CT Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
1-3	Kansas FFA Convention (virtual)	5-9	Texas State FFA Convention - Dallas Jeff Goss, 314-610-1835	9-14	Montour-Delong Fair - Washingtonville, PA Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110	8-12	Luzerne County Fair - Dallas, PA Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110
4	Illinois FFA Convention SIU - Carbondale, IL Dennis Schlager, 309-530-7004	8-11	North Stonington Fair - North Stonington, CT Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	9-14	Tioga County Fair Michael Steele, 570-494-1240	9-12	31st Annual Antique Power Days - Marion County Fair Grounds, Salem, IL Jeff Goss, 314-610-1835
4-6	Nittany Antique Machinery Show Centre Hall, PA - Michael Steele, 570-494-1240	10-11	Madison County Fair - Brookfield, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	11	Antioch Baptist Church Block Party Williamsport, PA - Michael Steele, 570-494-1240	11-12	Lycoming County Balloon Fest - Hughesville, PA - Michael Steele, 570-494-1240
5-6	Vermont Dairy Festival - Enosburg Falls, VT Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	10	Cheddar Cheese Festival - Adams Dave Porter, 315-771-4514	13-14	Sunbury River Festival Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110	11-14	Four Town Fair - Somers, CT Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
5-6	Western NY Dairy Festival - Springville, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	11	Cowlesville Flea - Cowlesville, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	18-22	Annual Steam, Gas and Threshing Show Pinckneyville, IL - Jeff Goss, 314-610-1835	14-16	Husker Harvest Days - Grand Island, NE Don Walmsley, 402-371-2489
5-6	Antique Tractor Show - Madrid, NY Dave Porter, 315-771-4514	13-17	Benton Rodeo - Benton, PA * Tentative - Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110	16-19	Turner County Fair - Parker, SD Marlyn Bunker, 605-647-5991	16-17	Central NY Farm Progress Show - Mohawk, NY - Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
7-10	Louisiana FFA (no in-person expo)	14-16	Stick Work Days - Marcy, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	21	Roseboom Antique Show - Roseboom, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	18-19	Pennsylvania Heritage Day - Easton, PA Michael Steele, 570-494-1240
8-10	Mississippi FFA - Starkville, MS (undecided)	14-24	Lycoming County Fair - Hughesville, PA Doc Devoe, 570-204-2110	17-19	Dakotafest - Mitchell, SD 2021 Marlyn Bunker, 605-647-5991	18	Cream Cheese Festival Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
8-10	Kentucky FFA Convention (virtual)	15-17	Two Cylinder Expo - Canandaigua, NY Bill Brown	19-21	Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	19-25	Gratz Fair - Gratz, PA Wayne Laidacker, 570-594-4414
9	Illinois FFA Convention - Springfield, IL Dennis Schlager, 309-530-7004	20-21	WI Farm Technology Days - Eau Claire, WI Mike Brehm, 262-632-3519	19-20	Maine Farm Days - Clinton, ME Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	21-23	Farm Science Review - London, OH Dennis Schlager, 309-530-7004
12	Chenango County Dairy Fest - Norwich, NY Bill Brown	23-25	FCFI 28th Annual Conference Stittville, NY - Bill Brown	20-22	Woodsmen's Field Days, Boonville, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	25	Taste of Shoreline - Guilford, CT Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
12-13	Meredith Dairy Fest - Meredith, NY Bill Brown	26-31	Troy Fair - Troy, PA Michael Steele, 570-494-1240	22-23	Madison Anson Days - Madison, ME Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	25-26	Remsen Barn Festival - Remsen, NY Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
12-13	Violet Festival - Dolgeville, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	7/29-8/1	Loyalsock Valley Antique Machinery Show - Williamsport Michael Steele, 570-494-1240	21-24	Brooklyn Fair - Brooklyn, CT Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	25-26	Apple Fest - Central Square, NY Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
12-13	Antique Tractor Show - Sharon Springs, NY Bill Brown, 315-749-6823	7/31-8/7	Clinton County Fair - Mackeyville, PA Wayne Laidacker, 570-594-4414	31- Sept 2	Farm Progress Show - Decatur, IL Jeff Goss, 314-610-1835	25-26	Underhill Market Festival - Underhill, VT Bill Brown, 315-736-5964
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