FARMFEST 76 is mid-America's largest Bicentennial event

LAKE CRYSTAL, Minn - Country music and comedy king Roy Clark, followed by a star-spangled "Festival of Music," will lead off a solid week of top-name entertainment at FARMFEST 76. mid-America's largest Bicentennial event

Clark's show, with Buck Trent and the Oak Ridge Boys gospel group, caps the Monday, Sept 13, opening of this mammoth seven-day to American salute agriculture near Lake Crystal in southern Minnesota.

On Sept. 14, FARMFEST 76 will present saxophone master Boosts Randolph. joined by Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass and Rosemary Clochey. Guest stars on the special Tuesday

"Festival of Music" program are the Statler Bros

Hart, executive director of the 1400-acre exposition, announced recently the stage line-up for the first two days of FARM-FEST 76 Word on other big stars appearing at FARM-FEST's giant outdoor hillside ampitheater is expected soon, Hart said

Entertainment will be presented on a 12-foot high, 40-foot stage sponsored by DeKalb AgResearch. Admission to the stage shows is included in FARMFEST's "one-shot" daily gate charge, which also includes parking, historical displays, field demonstrations, commercial exhibits and ag contests. Entertainment begins each day at 4 pm.

Insects aid potatoes

UNIVERSITY PARK -Potatoes can be grown profitably by combining the action of beneficial insects with an insecticide to control aphids, research at The Pennsylvania State University indicates. The system is called "integrated pest management" and uses limited amounts of an insecticide, coupled with natural enemies of harmful insects.

The technique was tested last summer to control the green peach aphid, a major pest of potatoes.

The integrated pest management approach saved \$24 per acre in insect control costs, and increased profits per acre by \$218. Conventional control procedures applying a foliar insecticide, on the other her hands full with four hand, increased profits by young children was taken \$170. To determine profits per acre, the potatoes were husband brought home a gift valued at \$4.00 per hundred pounds.

ingredient per acre gave the highest return for the dollar spent. At the 1-1/2 pound rate, yields of potatoes averaged 365 hundred weight per acre.

Higher rates of systemic insecticide did not increase yields further, showing that beneficial insects can help regulate pests and reduce the amount of insecticide needed.

Development of an integrated control system requires a broad base of information concerning the pest and beneficial insects, it was noted. Before a workable farm program can be put into practice, an understanding is needed on the population levels of the pest and beneficial insects. Growers must also know the impact the beneficial insects have on the pests, and the effect spray programs have on "beneficials."

A friend of mine who had aback one day when her - a young, frisky puppy. Her children were all excited and Where the systemic in- asked her what they should secticide was used in con- name the pup. "Better call it junction with beneficial Mother," she said, "because insects, 1-1/2 pounds of active if that dog stays, I'm going!"

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More than a million rural and urban visitors are expected to pass through FARMFEST's 30-car gate, located on four-lane Minn. Highway 60 about two hours

age six and under are free

southwest of Minneapolis.

Among the major attractions will be the 20th World Championship Tractor Pull, sponsored by Midland Cooperatives and the Farm Credit Banks of St. Paul, from Sept. 13-16. More than 400 of the country's top competitors will be battling for a \$40,000 purse in this giant contest of power and timing. Other ag competitions will include the World Horse Pull on Friday and Saturday, the National Horse Plowing Contest on Saturday and the Jacques Seed Bicentennial Invitational Horseshoe Pitching Contest all week.

Throughout the week, more than 700 organizations and businesses of all sizes will exhibit in the recordbreaking 121-acre commercial display area. In addition, equipment will be at work each day in more than 1000 acres of machinery demonstration fields.

Close to 300 types of farm crops from all over the country will be included in an educational display on Constitution Mall, FARM-FEST's main thoroughfare. A 55-acre walk-through outdoor museum will trace development agriculture in America.

As a special feature of the historical area, FARMFEST 76 will present a tribute to the contributions of Native American farmers, recreating an Hidatsa Indian tribe farming village dating back to the 1500's.

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