

# Penn State hosts Ag Progress Days Aug. 23-25

UNIVERSITY PARK - If you're between the ages of 8 and 80, you will find many activities and events of special interest at the 1977 Agricultural Progress Days scheduled for August 23-25. The annual field days, one of the largest outdoor educational events of its kind in the United States, will be held at Penn State's Rock Springs Agricultural

Research Center, nine miles west of State College on Route 45. Activities will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. (Look for a preview of Ag Progress Days in Lancaster Farming's Aug. 20 issue.) "The theme for this year's Ag Progress Days is Food, Energy, and Your Future," said Dr. Joseph D. Harrington, Penn State

agronomist and field days chairman. "It focuses on agriculture and offers visitors the opportunity to review the present and look to the future as progress in agriculture continues to provide for the people of the Commonwealth, nation, and world," he points out. Approximately 200 commercial companies will

be exhibiting their newest products for farming and country living. On display will be farm machinery, buildings, farmstead equipment, silos, and other farm and home supplies. "Demonstrations and exhibits on energy conservation in and around the home will be featured," Harrington said. "Activities will center on solar and other alternative heating sources and new energy-saving devices on small and major appliances.

Forest resources activities will focus on home and small building insulation, energy conservation home construction techniques, firewood selection, and proper use of wood burning stoves.

Machinery companies will demonstrate their newest forage equipment including

corn silage harvesters, "big package" hay balers and stackers, and handling equipment. Primary and secondary tillage equipment also will be featured.

A special program for youth is being developed by the planning committee, Dr. Harrington notes. Areas to be covered will include rocketry, dog care and training, nutrition, embryology, square dancing, horticulture, child care, bicycling, safety, and arts and crafts.

Contestants will vie for awards in two plowing contests. On August 23, county winners will compete in the State Plowing Contest. The following day, all plowmen who have won state titles this year and in the past will compete in a special contest to determine who will represent Penn-

sylvania in the U.S. Plowing Matches to be held this Fall in Illinois.

Ag Progress Days is sponsored by the Penn State College of Agriculture in cooperation with numerous agricultural organizations and agencies.

## Deutz does it twice

THE BUCK - The air-cooled Diesels from Deutz won two classes at last Saturday's Buck Tractor Pulls, with Tim Stauffer of Ephrata behind the wheel on both occasions. Victories came in the 5000 and 7000 pound super stock classes with a Deutz 8006. The Deutz is imported from Germany.

In Stauffer's 7000-pound run, he traveled a distance of 276 feet, five inches, beating runner-up Marlin Brubaker and his AC D-21 by nearly 12 feet. Coleman Wheatley of Bethel, Del., took third place with a pull of 263-7.

Stauffer and Brubaker battled it out a second time in the 5000 pound class when the pair placed first and second, respectively. Stauffer's Deutz beat Brubaker's AC 180 by 13 feet. Dale Smoker placed third with another AC 180.

The contests last week saw two pullers go the full distance. Les Houck did the trick in the 7000 pound modified class with an all-out charge from his twin Dodge powered machine. Greg Manners and Donald

Landis placed second and third, respectively.

Galen Spickler combined his driving talents with the power of an Allison Aircraft engine to pull the sled the full 300 feet in the 9000 pound open class. Dave Becker and Les Houck placed second and third, respectively.

In other classes, the results were as follows:

**12000 pound super stock**  
1. Tom Bedgar, Freeland, Md., IH 856, 257-8; 2. Robert Riggs, Brookville, Md., JD4320, 246-2; 3. Tom Middleton, Ridgely, Md., IH 1066.

**5000 pound modified**  
1. Gary Mills, Fallston,

Md., blown 427 Chevy; 258-1; 2. Gary Mills, 427 Chevy, 238-11; 3. Dave Johnson, Deerfield, N.J., 427 Chevys, 233-8.

**9000 pound super stock**  
1. Tom Middleton, Ridgely, Md., IH 1066, 279-7; 2. Marlin Brubaker, 250-11, 3. Robert Riggs, JD 4320, 219.

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