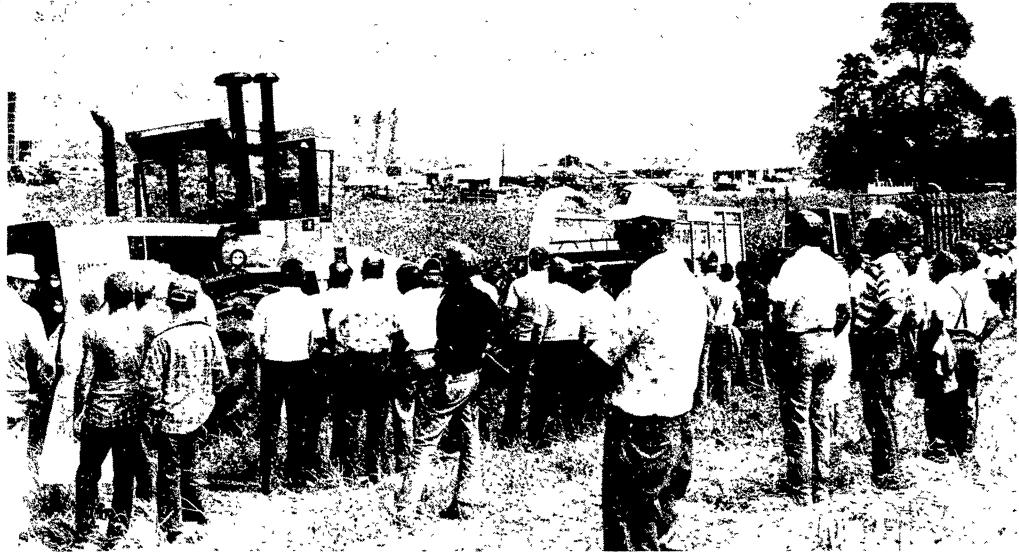
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More than 20 forage harvesters followed one another through corn fields at Penn State this week as part of the Ag Progress Days activities. The main exhibition area is visible in the far background.

# Nearly 50,000 visit Ag Progress

By DIETER KRIEG

this week to participate in the biggest agricultural show of its kind in the East — Ag Progress Days. It amounts to a huge, outdoor Pennsylvania Farm Show minus the livestock shows. in its place, however, are field demonstrations of various pieces of equipment, for which visitors crowd around by the thousands.

An annual highlight of the plowing contests, which were spread over two days this year. In Tuesday's contests, held beneath a cloudless late Summer sky, William Crain of Mechanicsburg came up with the best furrows for

ROCK SPRINGS - An contest for that big event Contest, in El Paso, Illinois estimated 40 to 50 thousand took place on Wednesday on Sept. 14 and 15. people traveled to Centre and Crain again came up on Crain, a Cumberland County during the middle of top. He'll represent the state County farmer, won his

contest. An eliminations at the National Plowing

county's plowing championships earlier this month. (See story on page 113).

John Flick of Berlin, followed by Marlin Detterlein of New Enterprise, Placing second in the large Kenneth Glazier of Mcplow contest on Tuesday was Connellsburg, Andy Myers

of Dallastown, Donald Stahl of Fayetteville, and Richard Binkley of Columbia.

In Wednesday's matches, [Continued on Page 22]

#### Lobacco growers report excellent crop

By JOANNE SPAHR

LANCASTER, Pa. There's no doubt about it. On the whole, this year's tobacco crop is a good one. At first, the dry conditions around transplanting time looked a slight bit threatening, but as it turned out, became a blessing in disguise for many farmers throughout Lancaster County. The plants rooted deep, and, then, when they needed the most moisture, in July, the rains came at nice large plows and was intervals without too much automatically in the running force to pelt the ground. As a for a shot at the national result, the ground in most

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the county this week, this year's tobacco size is excellent. In many fields, the

lush, covering the separtaion between rows.

Nearly all farmers report

As evidence from touring leaves are long, broad, and an excellent crop, and in most cases, say it is better in nearly all respects in [Continued on Page 18]

## Tomato crop down, prices same

By KENDACE BORRY

LITITZ - The tomato crop appears to be average, or "mediocre" as one grower put it this past week when Lancaster Farming surveyed Lancaster, York, and Schuylkill Counties to see what the harvest is like.

Karl Fuller, representing the farm department of the Charles G. Summers, Jr., Inc. Packing House, New Freedom, Pa. believes that the major reason there is not a bumper crop in the York County area is due to the lack of rainfall in the area. This is making the tomatoes smaller than usual. Although he stated that the rains in the last few weeks have helped, he added that now that the

rains to hold hold.

best thing would be for the main concern of tomato growers throughout the Having good harvesting area. B.S. Warfel, who runs

harvesting is in progress, the weather seems to be the a tomato brokerage firm near the Buck, stated that the hot, humid weather has [Continued on Page 24]

## Lehi Coop reorganizing

ALLENTOWN - Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers this week instituted a major internal reorganization program designed to improve its retail customer Barry, president of the service and to increase ef- Allentown, based dairy ficiency in all areas of processing and marketing operation.

According to Robert P.

co-op, Lehigh is moving [Continued on Page 36]

#### Berks Countians recognized

By LAUREL SCHAEFFER

Berks County Reporter presented an Outstanding the award believes the

Berks County family. John presented every year. KUTZTOWN-For the first Schaeffer, chairman of the time ever, the Kutztown Fair Fair Committee sponsoring

Farm Family Award to a award will continue to be

This year the award was presented to the P. William [Continued on Page