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If action is what you wanted to see, there was a lot of at Ag Progress Days, Penn State University's annual agricultural showcase in which numerous agribusinesses participate and thousands come to watch. A demonstration of tillage equipment and practices was just one of many highlights of the 3-day event.

## Ag Progress was in full bloom

ROCK SPRINGS — An estimated 32,000 people came to see the East's largest outdoor agricultural exhibition, held here this week at Penn State University's vast and beautifully situated research farms. There was plenty for all to see, whether their interest was in equipment, forages, research, homemaking, modern living, hobbies, farm management, and much more.

Held under ideal weather conditions during each of the three days, Ag Progress Days attracted large crowds during each day from throughout the Commonwealth and neighboring states. Ag Progress Days is regarded as one

of the largest and finest exhibitions of its type in the country.

The roar of the world's largest tractors and sophisticated farm equipment ushered in the 1978 Ag Progress Days on Tuesday as thousands watched. Visitors had the opportunity to walk over the several hundred acre site on foot or board farm wagons and buses which provided regular transportation.

Dr. Joseph Harrington, professor of agronomy and field days chairman said a record 210 commercial exhibitors displayed about \$20 million worth of equipment, ranging from silos to kitchen aids.

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## Farm renovated in one day

Editor's Note: Project Clearwater, a massive undertaking to turn a neglected farm property into one which would serve as a model for conservation, took place last Saturday. This is the first in a series of reports on the event.

By DIETER KRIEG

KNOXVILLE, Md. — Five-hundred volunteers and

about 200 pieces of equipment were fired up for action last Saturday to turn a 245 acre run-down farm into a show-place. They accomplished their monumental task in just a day and their work stands as a model for soil and water conservation. Projects included everything from building diversion ditches and ponds to constructing a new hog

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## Swine fever alert proclaimed

HARRISBURG — danger of ASF entering Pennsylvania's hog producers have been urged to be on guard against African swine fever (ASF) by State Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer. Shelhamer said that the

United States has greatly increased with the diagnosis of the disease in the Dominican Republic, only 125 miles from Puerto Rico. See related story on page 96.

Shelhamer emphasized the danger of feeding raw or improperly cooked garbage to swine, which is permitted to licensed operators in Pennsylvania. African swine fever is spread primarily through infected pork scraps

in garbage fed to the animals. The virus can live for long periods in pork from infected hogs and can pass through the food chain without affecting humans or any other animal, but once

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## Doner, Howell chosen Lanc. 4-H queens

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LANCASTER — The culmination of long hours spent on project work came Thursday night to Lancaster County 4-H'ers as they were honored for their ac-

complishments at the annual 4-H Achievement program held at the Farm and Home center. Called "4-H Achievement Carnival," the event was complete with clown and colored balloons, but was dominated by talent,

pretty girls and lots of awards.

Suzy Howell, New Holland R3, was chosen as the 1978 Senior 4-H queen in the contest which included a preliminary judging earlier. Suzy represented the Garden

Spot 4-H Club, and said, "I never expected to win it in a million years. I'm very happy." Suzy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Howell. She was crowned by the 1977 4-H Queen, Kim Weaver.

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The Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Association of Kinzers, Lancaster County, held their annual Threshermen's Reunion last week. It's an event which draws enthusiastic crowds every year. Coverage of the activities begin on page 56.

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