

Tractors sparked interest at Flemington Fair

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — It seemed endless... the Farm Tractor Pull at the Flemington Fair this year. Tractors continued to appear for their chance at the weight sled over the 300 foot course.

It was after 5 p.m. before the dust settled on the track

in front of the grandstand. The crowd hung on all day. It appeared, though, that more watched from the stage and pit area than from the covered grandstand. Apparently, they'd sacrifice the comfort of the stands for being closer to the action.

And, competition was

indeed keen. It's not just the prize money, though \$50 for first prize and a big trophy are pretty good incentives. It

still has to be the love of the sport. This is a great one-day outing for farmer and his tractor, giving him that opportunity to pit his tractor

and skill against his neighbors.

There were three Pennsylvanians among the seven class winners. Richard Troxell, Andreas, Pa., took top honors in the class for tractors 5500 pounds and under. He pulled the sled 277 feet 11 inches with his Case "TC" tractor. Second was Bill Vargo, Bloomsbury, pulling the sled with his international "M" a distance of 258'10". Dick Nagy, Frenchtown, was second on his Allis Chalmers "WD 45."

The second class honors went to Jake Jelliffe, Asbury, on his Allis Chalmers "D19," pulling 282'10". Ralph Wolverton, Asbury, on a John Deere "4010" was second with 275'3"; Greg Manners, Ringoes, third, with 263'3" on his Farmall "60."

There were six antique tractors participating in the first and second classes. The best pull was that of Fred VanDoren, Flemington, with 235'11" on his John Deere "8D," a tractor made back in 1936. In order to compete in the antique tractor class, the tractor must have been manufactured in 1938 or earlier.

Class III honors went to Russell Smith, Milford, and his John Deere "4010," with a pull of 274'0". Second was Jon Danberry, Ringoes, John Deere "4020," 271'7"; Carl Vliet, Washington, third, on a John Deere "4010," 264'7".

Class IV, tractors weighing in between 9,000 and 12,000 pounds, was won by one of two brothers from Pennsylvania. Albert Kiefer, Bangor, Pa., drove his Ford "9600" a distance of 268'8". Chuck Kocsis, Baptistown, with his Case "1070," was second with 255' even. Bob Fuiper, Jr., Lambertville, on an International "966," came in third with 252'11".

Brother, Bob Kiefer, captured top honors in the fifth class with his pull of 256'11". He drove a John Deere "4430." Greg Manners was second with his Allis Chalmers "210," at 254'7". Jim Pauch, Frenchtown, a long-time participant in this event at Flemington Fair, was third on his John Deere "4320" with 254'3".

Getting on to the really big ones, Class VI featured tractors 15,000 to 18,000 pounds. Dave Daku, Flemington, was first with his International "1466," pulling the sled with increased weights, to 224'11".

Bill Whitehead, driving for Joseph Daku, was second with an International "1066," 218'2". Ray Truskowski, Stewartville,

was third on a John Deere 4430, 216'11".

Ernie Kuster, Jr., Ringoes, was the only entry in Class VII, tractors weighing between 18,000 and 21,000 pounds. His International "1256" weighed 20690 pounds. He had an excellent pull at 287'2".

The 96 tractors participating was a record. Last year there were 88 tractors in competition.

Modified tractors competed later that night.

Machinery dealers in the area sponsored trophies for the classes, and they included: J.S. Covert & Sons, Neshanic Station; Frank Rymon and Sons, Washington; Poniatowski Bros., VanZandt Sales and Service, John M. Saums and Sons, all of Flemington, D & R Equipment, Ringoes, as well as a big assist from the Flemington Agricultural Fair.

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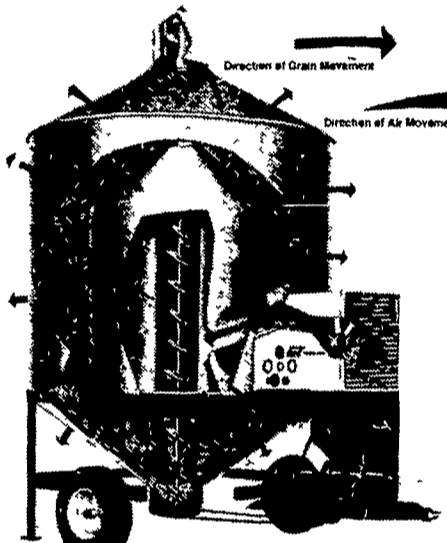
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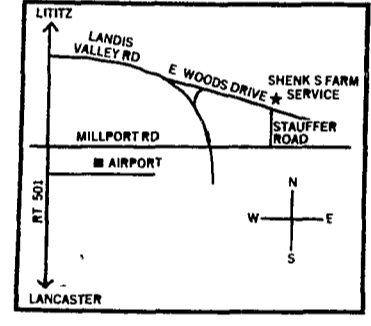
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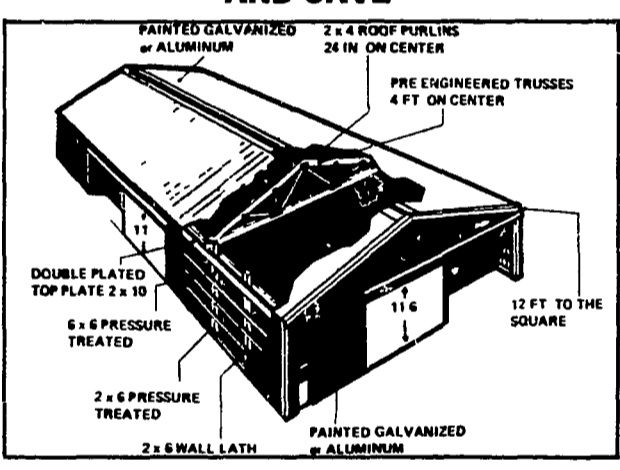
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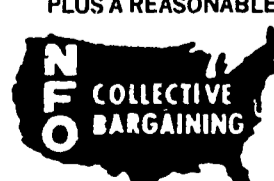
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