

Equipment expo drew visitors from near and far

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HARRISBURG — The 1979 First Annual Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Exposition attracted visitors from as far away as Maine, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Connecticut, Illinois, Georgia, West Virginia, California, and even four persons from Norway. Those are some of the findings of a study conducted at the Exposition by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Farm Show Director Wellington Smith, who made the survey available to Lancaster Farming, noted that the gathered information and ideas are to be used by the PDA as well as exhibitors to guide them along with future exposition activities.

Some general results of the survey follow:

Eighty-five per cent of those surveyed were from Pennsylvania, the other 15 per cent came from out-of-

state, with Maryland, New Jersey, and New York heading the list. Forty-eight per cent indicated they live less than 100 miles from Harrisburg.

Why did people come to the Exposition?

According to the PDA survey, nearly three-fourths (72 per cent) of those replying said they came to obtain information about buying farm equipment or related products. School projects, the horse pull, and "just looking" were among the other reasons.

A predominant number (84 per cent) of the visitors indicated they were from rural areas, which is just

what exhibitors wanted. But only 52 per cent of those surveyed claimed farming as their actual occupation. Seventy-four per cent said they were engaged in some type of farming.

Of the farmers who responded to the questionnaire, 51 per cent said they farmed full-time, while 49 per cent noted they were engaged in part-time farming.

Thirty-three per cent indicated they were dairy farmers, 19 per cent were in beef operations, 16 per cent raised grain, five per cent claimed to be orchardists, three per cent held poultry, another three per cent kept

swine, and the remainder (21 per cent) were engaged in other phases of farming.

Thirty per cent of the farmers who came said they farmed between 100 and 200 acres. The next largest group, at 29 per cent, were those with 200 to 500 acres. Next was the group with 50 or fewer acres. They accounted for 20 per cent of the farmers surveyed.

Of those indicating they were members of farm organizations, the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association was indisputably the most popular with 89 per cent of the vote. Thirty-one per cent claimed to be Grangers. All tolled, 64 per cent of the farmers said they belonged to at least one farm organization.

In answer to a question about on-farm energy conservation, 61 per cent indicated they had initiated

conservation practices in the home or on the farm in the last three years. Insulation, weather stripping, storm doors and windows were mentioned most frequently. Wood and coal heating, lower thermostats, Diesel farm equipment, turning lights off, horses for labor and smaller cars received portions of the balloting. Relatedly, 16 persons said they practiced better soil conservation.

The PDA report summarizes as follows:

"Although attendance at the First Annual Exposition was light, the vast majority were farmers and country dwellers. Three out of four were engaged in full or part-time farming and expressed interest in seeing or buying farm machinery and equipment for use in a wide variety of farm sizes and types.

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York dairy princess committee reorganizes

YORK — The York County Dairy Princess committee met last week to reorganize for Spring promotional activities and the June crowning of a new first lady of the dairy industry.

Kathy Lehman, York R11, and June Boyer, Biesecker Road, will co-chair the county committee. Georgia Amspacher, York R7, was appointed secretary-treasurer.

The pageant is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, at the 4-H Center near Bair. Committee appointments to date include: George Rohrbaugh, New Freedom R1, and E. Wayne Beshore, New Cumberland R1, financial co-chairmen; Kathy Lehman, pageant; Joey Welsh, East Berlin R1, publicity; refreshments, Mr.

and Mrs. Loren Detter, Dover, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Amspacher, York R7; Marge Rutter, York, gifts; Emilie Welsh, East Berlin R1, decorations; Darlene Godfrey, Glen Rock R2, and Shirley Hess, Dallastown R1, door prizes.

York County Dairy Princess Patty Greek, Delta R2, will be visiting several area elementary schools during upcoming weeks. Also planned is a Dairy Month display at the York Mall, scheduled for June 18 through 23. The featured attraction for the mall display will be a milk-promoting miniature golf course.

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