

Somerset County Fair to run August 17-23

MEYERSDALE — Final plans are being completed for the annual Somerset County Fair at Meyersdale, to be held this year August 17 through August 23.

Emerson Suder, President of the Fair Association, says the rural and farm exhibits and displays will be the best in the Fair's history.

The Fair opens with a horse show at 10 a.m. on August 17 in the centerfield. The evening program includes flag-raising ceremony, a vesper service and selection of a new Fair Queen to succeed Deborah

Shaffer of Hooversville, who reigned as Queen the past year. All events are free on Sunday to the public.

Judging of all displays begins on Monday, August 18, with the evening feature being Jack Kochman's Thrill Show.

From then on throughout the week, outstanding programs have been planned, for both afternoon and evening.

A rodeo will be featured on Tuesday and a tractor pulling contest on Wednesday. Thursday will be a big day, including the annual horseshoe pitching contest,

which attracts much attention, pony and horse pulling contests, and the Farmer's and Merchant's Parade.

Friday and Saturday, the final two days of the Fair, will be thrill days with motorcycle races, the Joie

Chitwood Show and a 4-wheel drive truck pulling contest, and an auto destruction derby.

This year, log sawing and wood chopping contests have been added to the program.

Broiler chicks up eight percent

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending July 26 were 2,211,000 according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The placements were eight percent above the previous week and one percent above the corresponding week a year earlier. Average placements during the past nine weeks were two percent below a year ago.

Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states were 77,450,000, slightly below the previous week and three percent below the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past nine weeks were

three percent below a year ago.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under federal inspection during the week ending July 16 totaled 1,948,000, with an average liveweight of 3.89 pounds.



Mrs. Butch Wilt, of Rawlings, Md., showed this prize winning quarter horse at the 1979 Somerset County Fair.

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A new building to house livestock is now under construction and will be complete for the Fair. The 50 foot by 180 foot building pole building, open on allsides, will house four rows of show animals, a modern milk house and milking stalls.

Somerset Countians interested in the Fair have contributed financially to help pay for the building, the exact cost is not known

at this time.

All new facilities have been built to house hogs and sheep and the old sheep and hog barns will be used to house surplus stock.

The Somerset County Fair grounds is located a mile west of Meyersdale. The event has become the biggest agricultural exposition in Western Pennsylvania and one of the largest of its type in the State.

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