

# Gov. Thornburgh opens 65th PA. Farm Show



Governor Richard Thornburgh chug-a-lugs a snifter of milk as part of the opening-day ceremonies at Farm Show on Sunday. Looking on are Pa. Dairy Princess Cindy Neely, Emlentown, Venango County and Pa. Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

**FARM SHOW** — The 65th Pennsylvania Farm Show officially opened its doors to a record crowd on Sunday. On hand for the opening ceremonies were Governor Richard Thornburgh and First Lady Ginny, along with Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell.

As the Governor and entourage made a quick tour of the commercial exhibit area and dairy barn on their way to the large arena, Secretary Hallowell provided the Commonwealth's head with explanations on cattle and equipment.

Sliding into a stall next to a Holstein cow, Hallowell jokingly stated, "You see, the feed goes in this end and comes out here", pointing from one end to the udder.

The Bucks County dairyman did not give a hand-milking demonstration this year. However, he stated, "That may have been just the therapy I needed — my hand is still numb from the car accident I was involved in last Fall."

Climbing aboard an immaculately restored carriage, called a vis-a-vis, the Governor, Ginny, and Secretary Hallowell made their grand appearance into the large arena.

The antique vehicle was drawn by a matched team of registered gelding Morgan horses, full brothers. Driver James Thrasher of Somerset County was accompanied by William Howard, state president of the Draft Horse and Mule Association.

In addressing nearly 5000 people gathered in the large arena for the opening celebration, Governor Thornburgh proclaimed his administration is committed to the family farm.

Citing legislation passed during the past year, Thornburgh added, "We will continue to seek legislation to provide our family farms with the incentives necessary to remain in farming and make a living."

The Governor pointed out the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's logo, "We're Growing Better", which was unveiled at the 1980 Farm Show has been a success.

"In the twelve months since that ceremony, scores of food producers and processors have begun using the logo to identify their packages as Pennsylvania products. And more than 1800 farm markets and supermarkets are using the logo in their stores to increase their sales of Pennsylvania foods," he said.

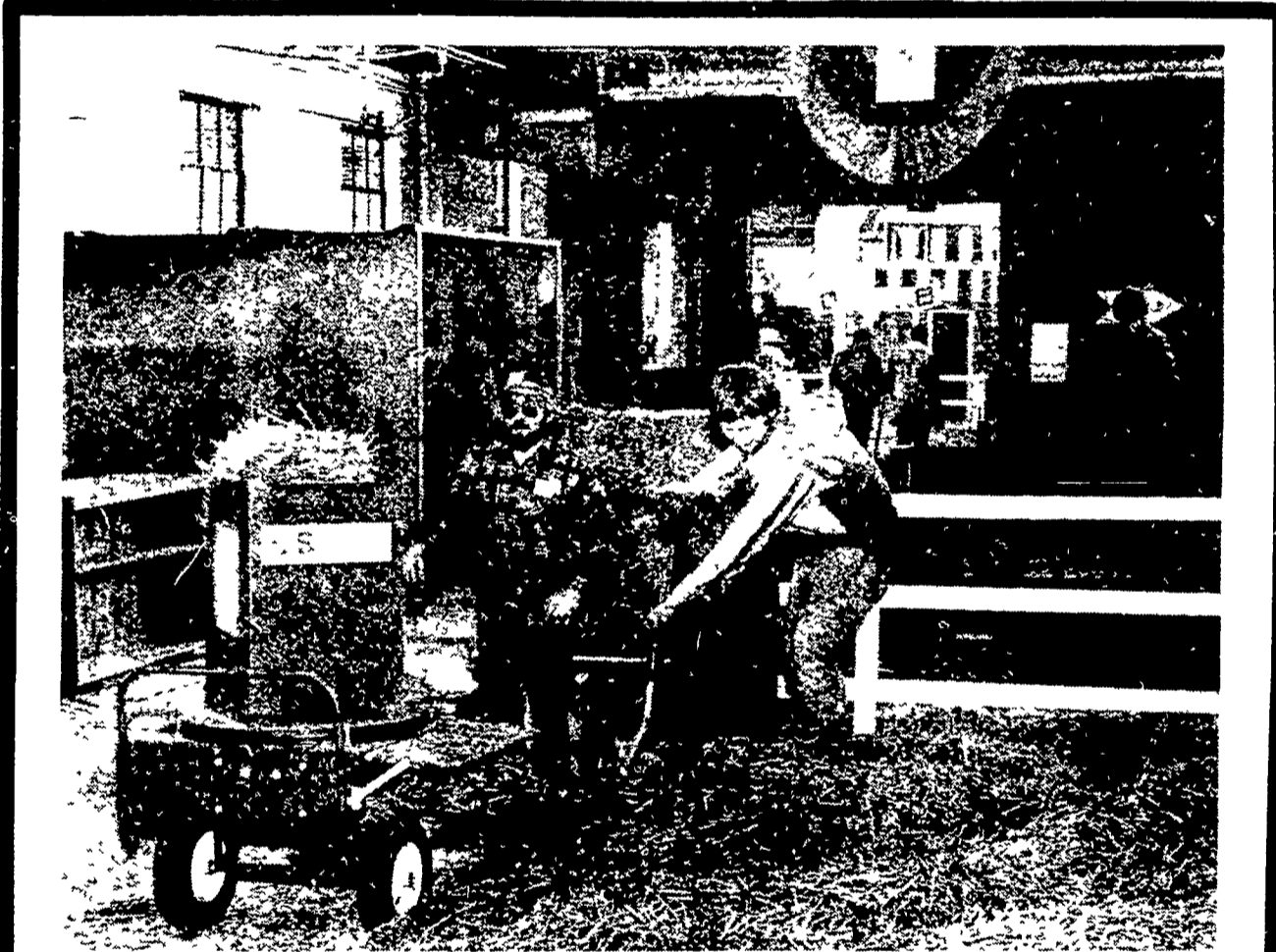
Thornburgh pointed out that both consumers and farmers benefit from this type of program.

"As consumers, we get fresher produce. And reduced shipping costs mean better prices for farmers and consumers alike.

"When we increase sales of Pennsylvania food products, we give our agricultural industries cause to expand, creating new stable jobs.

"Finally, by increasing sales of our farm products, we are giving our farmers another tool to help them stay in farming. The need for increased production, and the potential of new markets are an incentive for farmers and should help them keep their land in agriculture.

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To help livestock exhibitors get ready for the show, U S Farm Systems of Pennsylvania donated the services of a tough-built, red bedding chopper in the barns of the Pennsylvania Farm Show complex, this week. Tim Pierce, who operated the gas engine chopper was a popular fellow for several days before the show. Livestock exhibitors lined up to have the working red chopper come to their stalls to turn bales of straw into fluffy, soft, short-cut bedding worthy of the prize show animals to be stabled there for a week.

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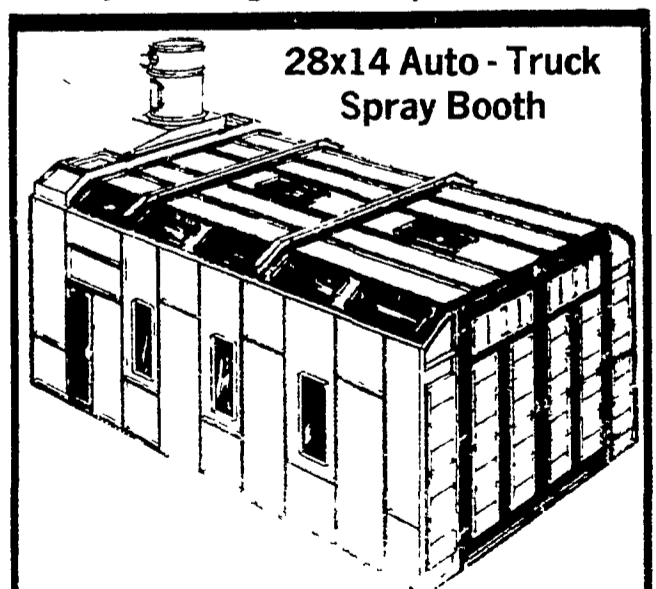
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