

# Lancaster's Penn State research lab hosts field day

LANDISVILLE — A general field day of wide public interest to farmers, gardeners, and county agents will be held here July 29 at Penn State's Southeastern Field Research Laboratory.

The field day will feature farm and garden crops ranging from corn, forages, and soybeans to grapes, flowers, and tomatoes, according to John O. Yocum, superintendent of the research farm. Plot tours will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.

"Topics and tours for July 29 should appeal especially to people in the central, south central, and southeastern counties of the state," Yocum said.

He outlined the following topics

and tours for the field day: commercial corn hybrid trials, tillage trials on corn, nitrogen fertilization of corn, corn disease research, and double-crop corn.

Flower variety trials will be exhibited for home gardeners. Grapes will be displayed, including both wine and table varieties.

Experiments with forage varieties will be highlighted, including fertility studies.

Visitors will see plots of kenaf, a fibrous crop under test for possible use in making paper for printing newspapers. Present experiments involve fiber yield as related to the most suitable planting rates per acre and the most productive row spacings.

Potato growers will see experiments to control insects, as well as trials with experimental varieties.

Yocum commented soybean variety trials should attract attention during the field day. Certain soybean plots also will demonstrate weed control. The research will show double cropping of no-till soybeans.

The field day also will show tobacco varieties as well as weed and insect control on tobacco. The Landisville research farm has long been noted for research with tobacco.

Tomato growers will see plots devoted to crops for both fresh market and processing.

While touring plots, visitors will be able to discuss various farm and garden needs with specialists from Penn State. Lunch will be available at the field laboratory, served by the Lancaster County Farm Women #5.

To reach the Landisville research farm from the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the north, get off the Turnpike at the Lebanon-Lancaster interchange and go south on Route 72 toward Lancaster. One-half mile south of Manheim turn right onto Auction Road immediately after passing the Manheim Auto Auction. Auction Road leads directly to the Penn State field lab.

Coming to the farm from the

direction of Harrisburg or Lancaster, take Route 283. Get off at the Salunga-Landisville interchange. Go northeast on Spooky Nook Road one-half mile. Turn left onto Shenk Road and proceed to a red covered bridge. Turn left and go through the bridge. At this point, signs direct visitors to the Southeastern Field Research Laboratory.

## Goat field day next Saturday

MANHEIM — A Dairy Goat Field Day will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 18 at the Jacob Fisher Farm, near Manheim. The event is being sponsored by the Dutch Country Dairy Goat Club, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

From Route 72, north of Lancaster, turn east on Bucknoll Road (about 1 mile south of Manheim and first road to the right, north of the auto auction). Travel about 1 mile to the Fisher Farm, located at the junction of Holly Tree and Bucknoll Roads.

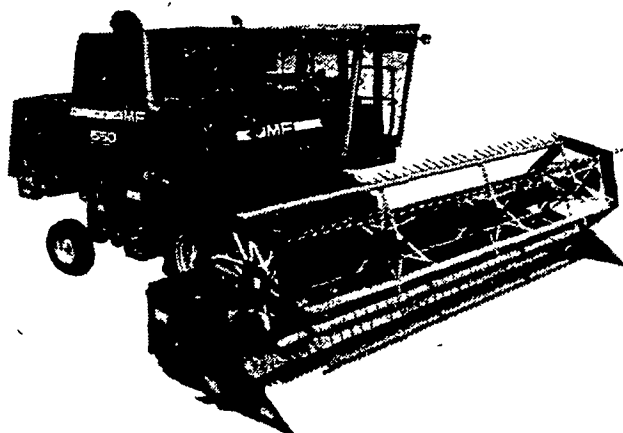
In addition to a tour of the Fisher Farm, the program will feature demonstrations on general dairy goat management, breeding programs, herd evaluation, conformation and animal selection. There will be ample opportunity for questions.

Speaker will be Richard H. Stoneback, Jr., Amyr Farm, Oxford. In addition to his experience as a herdsman, Richard is an experienced showman, and a qualified judge. While attending Penn State, he also worked with Samuel Guss and cared for his goat herd on many occasions.

Those who wish to do so, are invited to bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship of a covered dish dinner.

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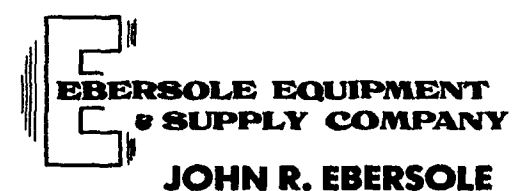
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