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## Ag Progress has something for everyone



The latest line of machinery will be demonstrated next week at the 1981 Ag Progress Days. Several million dollars worth of equipment will be on hand for inspection, both in field demonstrations and company exhibits.

by visitors to Penn State's Rock Springs Ag Research Center. Take along this week's Lancaster Farming so you don't miss a single event.

UNIVERSITY PARK — Gas up the car and load up the kids. It's time once again to head to the Penn State Agricultural Research Center at Rock Springs for the 1981 Ag Progress Days.

Over \$10 million worth of brand new farm and home equipment will be shined up and ready for the thousands of visitors who will give them a critical once over or stop for a closer inspection as they meander through the midway.

Joining the mechanical beauties on the midway will be exhibits of farm supplies, seeds, fertilizers, silos, farm chemicals and lots of other displays for all to see. For the homesteader and fulltime farmer, alike, there will be chain saws on hand for a look-see, along with lawn and garden tools, sprayers and home conservation equipment.

"A record number of commercial exhibitors are displaying goods and services for agriculture," reports Joseph Harrington, Penn State agronomist and Ag Progress Days

chairman. "Some of the world's most sophisticated farm equipment will be shown."

Along with the tons of moving parts and metal that will meld into a scene of reds, greens, blues, and other hues, visitors to Ag Progress Days will be able to watch field demonstrations on the latest methods of filling silage bags, tilling, mowing, planting, and harvesting.

Taking advantage of Ag Progress Days as a means of reaching a large audience, Penn State has erected several educational exhibits representing many college departments. One area that will have prominence is the Extension home economics exhibit which focuses on creative family life, including new ideas in food, fabrics, 4-H, and other areas.

Ag Progress Days truly has something for everybody, so come

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## Lancaster County ag continues to grow

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LANCASTER — The figures clearly show that Lancaster County agriculture is still growing by leaps and bounds, but there are a number of hidden meanings of equal importance behind those totals.

The bottom line for the value of all county farm products — livestock and crops — stands at \$664,399,850 for 1980, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Summary.

That means a dollar increase of more than \$100 million over 1979. Even with inflation taken into consideration, that's a healthy jump.

But, according to Jay Irwin, County Extension Director, there's plenty more meaning behind that total. For instance:

—The passing of the reins of farming appear to be moving smoothly from one generation to another, helping to assure the future of local agriculture.

"The sizable increase in poultry and hog operations shows that farm owners are opening new livestock enterprises requiring less land to accommodate upcoming generations in the family," Irwin explained.

Hog numbers jumped some 84,000 units from 1979 to 1980, increasing their value by about one-third or \$7 million.

Poultry and more specifically layers soared by some 2 million birds, sending their value up by some \$16 million.

These sizable increases in hog and layer operations also demonstrated the continuing trend toward diversification that can

only add to the long-range strength of local agriculture.

Also, the figures are telling dairy — the long-time stronghold of Lancaster agriculture — to watch out since poultry is nipping at its heels.

While dairy products were valued at about \$163 million for 1980, all poultry wasn't close

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Kutztown Fair means lots of blue ribbons for area farmers. See the 'lucky' exhibitors starting on page A23.

Area 4-H'ers win honors at State 4-H days. Find out who the winners are on page D34.



Southcentral Championship show abounded with lovely ladies and dairy winners. Gathering to celebrate the grand champion awards was, from left, Cumberland County dairy princess Vicki Basehore, Perry County's Cheryl Byers, Doug Hershey of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, Nancy

Brake, Franklin County princess, Jim Burdette with his senior and grand champion Kit Builder daughter, Steve Kauffman with his reserve senior and grand winner, judge Obie Snider, and Dauphin County dairy princess Tammy Yost. See story page A37.