

E-town fair to feature supreme champion

ELIZABETHTOWN — Cotton candy may beckon a youngster to the fair while homemakers and gardeners may want to scrutinize the rows of handsome canned vegetables. But for farmers, a fair is its animals.

In the last several years, the agricultural part of the Elizabethtown Fair has grown by leaps and bounds and 1983 is no exception. This year's fair, which runs Aug. 30 through Sept. 3, promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Highlighting the livestock shows is a new event in which the best of show winners in dairy, beef, sheep and swine competitions will vie for the title of supreme champion. The event is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. prior to the sale of champions.

A committee of judges will select the supreme champion, choosing whichever livestock representative is closest to its ideal type. Groff Meats, Inc., of Elizabethtown is sponsoring the award, a cup trophy which the winner will keep for one year. The trophy may be retired only after two consecutive yearly wins by the same exhibitor.

But that's not all the news in

livestock showing at Elizabethtown. In fact, there's something new in almost every department!

— Two open dairy shows — one for adults and youth from any county in the state and a youth show for youth only — will be featured this year in the brand new, 60-by-100-foot livestock facility. Over 100 dairy entries are expected. The open show for adults and youth features six additional classes this year.

— The beef department is split into two divisions this year — a division for 4-H and FFA animals not selling and one for those animals selling at the sale of champions.

Construction continuing

ELIZABETHTOWN — Two more dates have been set aside for finishing construction on the new livestock building at the Elizabethtown fairgrounds.

The fair association is looking for 20 to 25 volunteers today and on Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The fairgrounds are located along East High Street just east of the elementary school.

— For the first time, adults are being allowed to exhibit sheep alongside youth in an open show expected to draw over 100 entries. In addition, a market lambs category is open to youth only.

— Swine entries are also expected to top 100, and this year FFA and 4-H members from six school districts are eligible. They are: Ephrata, Elizabethtown, Manheim, Penn Manor, Donegal and Lower Dauphin.

— Also, fair officials are hoping to build on last year's first dairy goat show; a new rabbit hutch has been built for the youth rabbits

show, and the field and forage crop show is being moved from the Brethren in Christ Church fellowship hall to a tent on the fairgrounds.

No exhibitor may enter more than eight animals or 10 items per department. Also, fair entries for all live exhibits must be post-marked by Aug. 15.

Fair premium books — and entry forms — are available upon request at Brandt's Farm Supply, Rep. Kenneth Brandt's Elizabethtown office, and the Farm & Home Center in Lancaster.

Plowing contest schedule set

YORK — Plowmen from all over the country, representing state competitors, will be in York, Aug. 11-13, 1983, to vie for the National Plowing Championship and the honor of competing in international competition at the World Ploughing Contest.

The national contest is being held in conjunction with the York

County and Pennsylvania State Contests, at the York County 4-H Center west of York on Rt. 116, between York and Spring Grove. Plowing contests, featuring small plow, antique plow, and large plow competitions will take place on the John Shearer farm adjacent to the 4-H Center.

Spectators are welcome free of

charge, although there will be a \$1.00 parking fee per vehicle. Agricultural exhibits will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days. Tillage equipment demonstrations will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

The York County Contest will be staged at 10 a.m. on Thursday,

August 11; the State Contest at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 12, and the National Small Plow at 9 a.m., the National Antique Plow at noon, and the National Large Plow at 2 p.m., on Saturday, August 13.

A deep pit beef banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, August 12 at the 4-H Center. Banquet tickets can be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office, at 13 MarketWay East, at a cost of \$12.50 per person. Banquet tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, so it is best to purchase them early in advance of the contest.

Pennsylvania Plowmen, Pennsylvania winners in 1982, who will plow in the USAPO National Contest are Gary L. Crain, Cumberland County, Large Plow; Jay Stoner, Cumberland County, Small Plow; and Robert N. Miller, Dauphin County, Small Plow.

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