

# Sample ag at Pa. Food Marketplace

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Food Marketplace will again be a center of attraction at the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Ag Secretary Penrose Hallowell said that 21 Pennsylvania food firms are scheduled to have displays, distribute samples and sell products to the throngs of Farm Show visitors that will file past their booths in the lower level of the large arena.

"These firms are representative of more than 1,400 food processors and 28,000 retail food outlets in the commonwealth," Hallowell said. "They are a very essential component of our economy, with annual sales in excess of \$25 billion and employment for nearly one-fifth of the entire state workforce," he continued.

Both the food processing and

retailing industry have demonstrated strong support of Pennsylvania agriculture. "Over 200 Pennsylvania food processors and 2,000 farm and retail markets have adopted the 'We're Growing Better' of 'Keystone Pride' logo campaigns to identify and increase sales of Pennsylvania foods, keeping agriculture the number one industry in the state.

"The Marketplace is the premiere showcase for our food processors and retailers, and has become a must stop for Farm Show visitors," said the Secretary in urging the public to "come and taste the goodness of Pennsylvania and discover why in Pennsylvania Agriculture — We're Growing Better!"

Firms participating in this year's Food Marketplace are K &

N Soft Pretzel Company, King of Prussia, selling soft pretzels; Fresh Mushroom Awareness Association of Hockessin, selling fresh mushrooms; Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers, of Harrisburg, selling potatoes and potato products; Groff Snack Foods of Bowmansville, selling potato chips, pretzels and corn products; Hatfield Packing Company of Hatfield, distributing pork samples and coupons; Weis Markets of Sunbury, distributing milk samples and coupons; Phillips Lancaster County Swiss Cheese Company of Gordonville, selling cheese.

Also, Kitchen Kettle Foods of Intercourse, selling jams, relishes and baked goods; Herr Foods of Nottingham, selling chips, pretzels and snacks; Green's Purity

Bakery of Hershey, selling bakery items; High Point Acres of Finleyville, selling goat's milk fudge and peanut brittle; Furman Canning Company of Northumberland, selling various tomato and vegetable products; Snyder's of Hanover, selling potato chips and pretzels; Pennsylvania Maple Syrup Producers Council of Montrose, selling maple syrup and products.

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Farm of Millerstown, selling dairy products; Shope's Farm Deli of Bird-in-Hand, selling cheeses and meats; Spring Glen Farms of Ephrata, selling jams and jellies; Seltzer's Lebanon Bologna Company of Palmyra, selling Lebanon bologna; The Cookie Corner of Lebanon, selling cookies; Boston Farm Products of Stillwater, selling jams, jellies and snack items; and Quality Distributing selling candy items.

## Grange talent to perform

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania State Grange, honoring an invitation by Pa. Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, will be providing some of the musical entertainment appearing

at the Farm Show's opening night Youth Benefit Concert tomorrow.

The group representing the Grange is "Sassafrass" - a five-member, vocal/instrumental ensemble well-known to Grange members for its bluegrass music. The members of Sassafrass are all members of the Greenwood Grange in Clearfield County.

The group has won top honors in past Grange district talent contests, and this year won in the instrumental category of the Grange State Talent Finals held in Clearfield this past October during the Grange's annual convention. Sassafrass maintains a substantial following for its music, both in and outside the Grange, playing locally and traveling for public engagements.

The members of the group are as follows: Ruth Dickey (guitar), Nancy Ingel (vocal/guitar), George Irwin (vocal/mandolin), Jean Young (vocal/bass) and Jim Young (vocal/banjo). All the members are from Mahaffey.

Sassafrass is scheduled to perform first at the Youth Benefit Concert which begins at 6:30 p.m.

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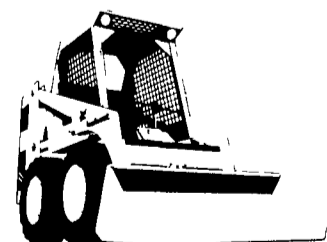
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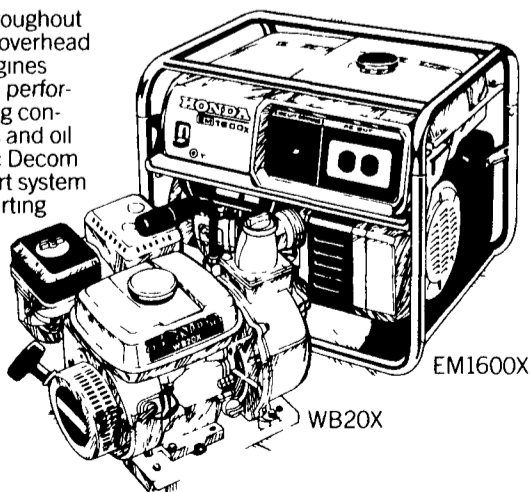
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