

N.W. Maple Producers stress quality

MEADVILLE — One hundred and twenty maple producers from Northwest Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio attended the 23rd annual meeting of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Maple Producers Association on Jan. 27.

This year's program centered around producing a quality maple product. Robert Morgan, of Erie Testing Laboratories, discussed the laboratory procedures for analyzing maple products and how to determine if the maple syrup

had been adulterated. The audience was amazed at what can be determined through a laboratory test. Paul Richard, of Chardon, Oh., also discussed maple syrup quality and graded 23 samples of maple syrup the way it is done at the Farm Show in Harrisburg. The syrup samples were scored on density, clarity, flavor and color. Then each sample was discussed as to why it was scored the way it was. The syrup samples were brought in by the

various producers.

Penn State Extension Forester James Finley talked about his trip to New York and New England to study maple production. He showed slides on the work that is being done at Cornell by Lew Statts on maple production techniques.

The Northwestern Maple Queen and the State Maple Princess Deanna Stahlman, of Reno, told what she has been doing as the representative of the maple industry.

Frank Schambach, of West Falls, N.Y., and Troy Firth, of Spartansburg, demonstrated reverse osmosis systems to remove up to 60% of the water from the maple sap prior to boiling. This is indeed an energy and time saving procedure in the process of making maple syrup.

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Maple Producers' Association president, was master of ceremonies and conducted the business meeting which included the election of three directors to serve a two year term. The directors elected were John Deets, Titusville; Lloyd Gates, Corry; and Dennis Northrup, Spartansburg.

Dairy Day set in Wayne

HONESDALE — The 1984 Wayne County Dairy Day will be held Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial Armory, Tryon Street, Honesdale.

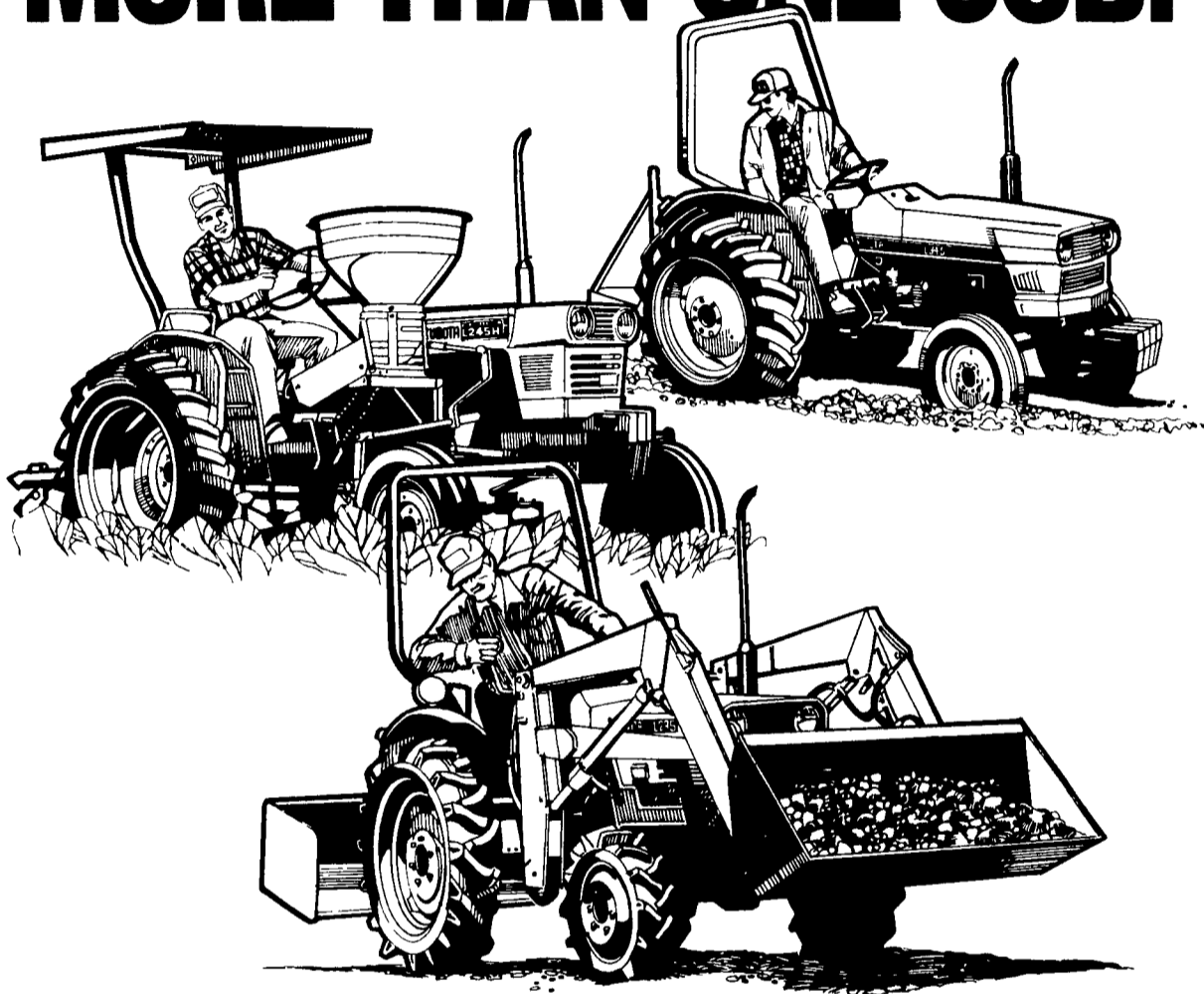
The educational speaker will be Fred Hughes, Penn State Extension farm management specialist. Other highlights will include exhibits by agri-business firms and farm organizations, lunch provided by the exhibitors, and door awards in the form of U.S. Savings Bonds.

In recent years, about 33 exhibitors have been cooperating with the Wayne County Agricultural Extension Service in presenting Dairy Day. Since space is limited, firms and organizations interested in participating should contact the Extension Service at 717-253-5970 ext. 114 to reserve a spot.

This will be the sixth annual Wayne County Dairy Day since it was organized in 1979. About 325 dairy farm persons have been attending, representing about one-half of the 345 dairy farms in Wayne County.

All dairy farm persons are welcome, but reservations are requested and can be made by contacting the Wayne County Agricultural Extension Office, Courthouse, Honesdale.

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