

Glatfelters plan 4 Paso Fino open houses

YORK — Horselovers from several states are expected to attend one of four public Open House sessions set for this summer at a central Pennsylvania ranch known as one of the country's major breeders of American Paso Fino horses.

Art and Lee Glatfelter, owners of Fieldstone Meadows Horse Farm,

Wrightsville, York County, are inviting the public to see and ride the breed that is called "the smoothest riding horse in the world," on the following Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.: July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27. With a herd of more than 60 Paso Finos, the Glatfelter farm qualifies as one of the largest breeders of Paso Finos

north or the Carolinas.

"The Paso Fino must be seen and ridden to be believed," Mrs. Glatfelter emphasized. She said the horse's incredible natural gait absorbs the shock of the trail and the show ring making the breed an unparalleled favorite for pleasure riders.

"It's only been in the last decade

or so that we've had enough Paso Finos to market," Mrs. Glatfelter noted. "Right now there are about 7500 of these horses in the U.S. and it's recognized as the fastest growing breed in the country." About a decade ago, she reported, there were only a few hundred Paso Finos in the U.S.

The Paso Fino (Spanish for "fine gait") originated from a select group of mares and stallions brought to the New World by Columbus on his second trip here. In the ring the horses are shown in traditional Spanish garb and they are known for their elegance and "brios," another Spanish term which roughly translated means "fiery spirit willing to please its master."

The Glatfelters began researching the Paso Fino in 1970 when the horse was almost extinct on this continent. Mrs. Glatfelter said she had a back problem and had heard that the Paso Fino's

remarkable gait was so smooth that an observer could not see any up and down movement in the shoulders of the horse's rider. "Obviously," she added, "we were not disappointed when we finally experienced the breed."

She noted it is the necessity of that personal experience with the horse that prompted the farm to conduct Open Houses where the breed could be seen and ridden.

"The Paso Fino is the horse for anyone looking for a fine pleasure or show horse," she concluded. "And investors who get in on the ground floor of this breed are going to profit enormously."

For detailed directions to the Fieldstone Meadows (located just minutes from the junction of U.S. 30 and Interstate 83,) visitors may call manager and trainer Robert L. Kilgore at (717) 244-8928. Private appointments may be made to see the farm and ride the horses as well.

Produce festival slated

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The third annual "Maryland Fresh Produce Festival" will be held on Thursday, August 9, at War Memorial Plaza in downtown Baltimore from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to Helen M. Huber of the Maryland Department of Agriculture who is coordinating the event, there will be a little of everything.

"As always, we will have a mini-fresh produce market with some of the freshest fruits and vegetables

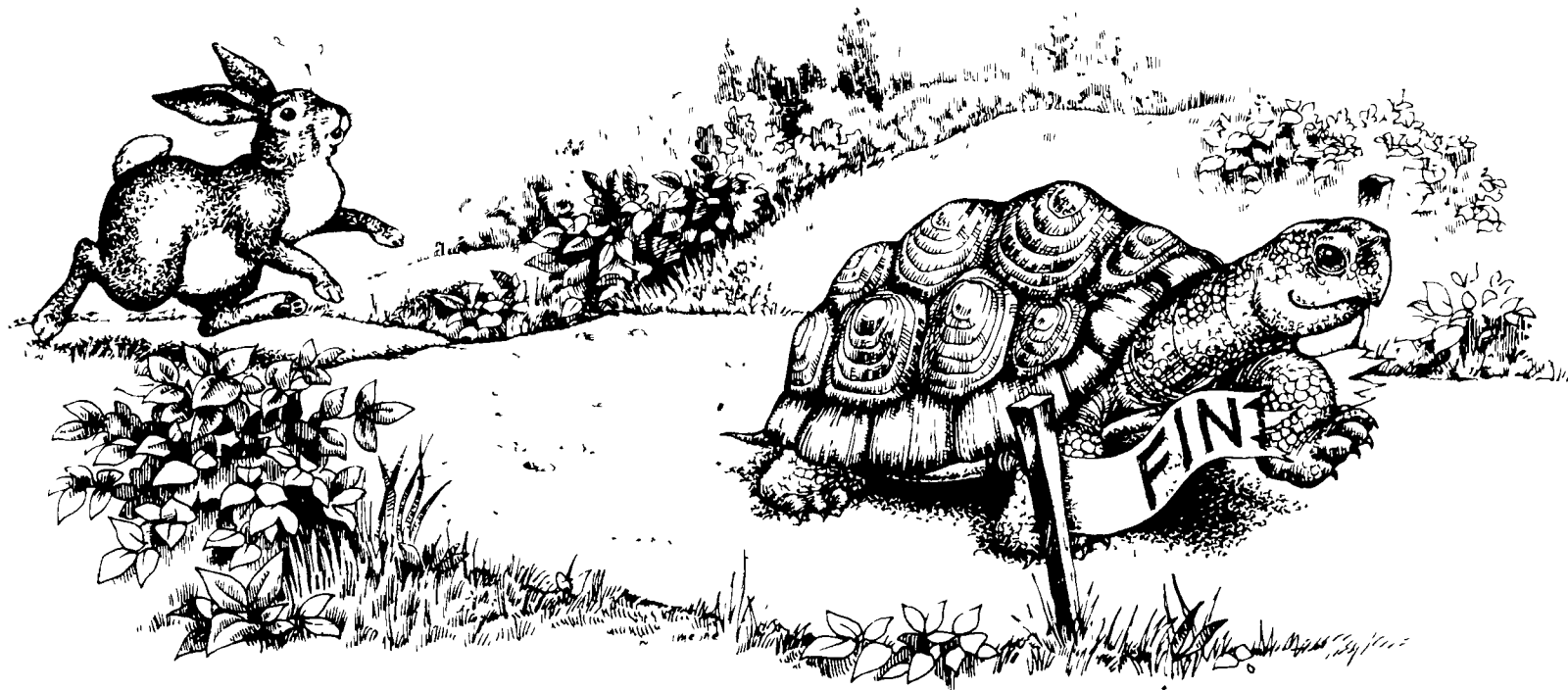
from Maryland farms, entertainment, food sampling, food processing demonstrations, lively music from a blue grass band, door prizes, balloons for kids, audience participation and games.

"Over the past two years the festival has proven to be fun and serves as a good reminder of just how fresh and delicious Maryland produce is when it is in the height of its season which it will be on August 9th," she added.

Groups joined together to put on

the project are the "Adventures In Fun" office of Mayor William Donald Schaefer, the Maryland Roadside Markets Association, the Maryland Watermelon Association, Maryland State Apple Commission, Maryland Food Center Authority, Baltimore Chapter of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Baltimore City Extension Service, and the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Marketing Services Section.

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Tobacco inspection rules set

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved new rules governing the inspection and grading of imported tobacco.

Lionel S. Edwards, a marketing official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the rules carry out provisions of the Dairy and Tobacco Adjustment Act of 1983, which requires inspection of all tobacco offered for importation into the United States, except oriental and cigar tobacco.

Regulations governing the certification of imported cigar and oriental tobacco will be proposed at a later date, Edwards said.

The act also gives USDA authority to fix and collect fees from importers to cover, as nearly as practicable, the costs of such services. The fee has been set at \$.0035 per pound.

USDA received nine comments during a public comment period when the rules were proposed. After studying these comments, USDA changed the rule that would have required an importer to send the inspection certificate to the director of the Tobacco Division, AMS, when the entire lot covered by the certificate has been sold, manufactured or exported. The importer may dispose of the certificate when one of these criteria is met.

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