

Somerset Co. prepares for big fair week

MEYERSDALE — A week of livestock competition, games, rides, entertainment and all-around fun is scheduled for the Somerset County Fair on August 19 to 25.

The festivities begin on Sunday at 10 a.m. with a horse show sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Leaders Association. Flag raising ceremonies will officially open the Fair at 7:15 p.m., and the 1984 Fair Queen contest will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Monday's activities will feature light horse and pony judging, as

well as judging in the junior activities and group exhibits. Local musical groups will provide entertainment Monday evening.

Beef, baby beef and swine judging, as well as a 4-H horse show will highlight Tuesday's activities, with more musical entertainment getting underway at 7 p.m.

Draft horse, dairy and sheep judging are slated for Wednesday, along with a leadline competition and four-wheel-drive truck pull during the evening hours.

The Horseshoe Pitching Contest

will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, and an all-new goat judging competition is also scheduled for the morning. The Farmers and Merchants Parade gets underway at 7:30 p.m.

The Farmers Tractor Pulling Contest begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, and evening events include a junior livestock sale, State Sanctioned Tractor Pull and Street Legal Truck Pull.

Afternoon motorcycle drag racing will take place on Saturday with the Fullerton Destruction Derby, beginning at 7 p.m. and insuring that this year's fair goes out with a bang.



This year's Somerset County Fair will feature an all-new animal building located on the fairgrounds in Meyersdale.

Soybean Association announces staff reorganization

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — American Soybean Association (ASA) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Kenneth L. Bader announce a staff reorganization.

The Soybean Association is a major farm commodity organization composed of 29,000 members in 26 affiliated state associations and receiving financial support from 419,000 farmers through 25 state soybean checkoff boards.

"We routinely review our

organization and our efforts to improve soybean farm profits," Bader said. "This reorganization will assist ASA's future growth and our efforts to work for U.S. soybean farmers."

Steve Drake becomes Executive Director effective August 15. Drake, currently director of Membership & Education, replaces Jeffrey W. Gain who becomes Chief Executive Officer of the National Corn Growers Association in mid-August.

Drake will continue to supervise ASA's public, member and affiliated state relations programs as well as production of the "Soybean Digest" magazine. He also will assume responsibility for working with soybean farmers who establish ASA's policies.

Dennis Sharpe becomes Director of Corporate Relations and Economic Analysis. Sharpe, currently director of corporate relations, has been given the additional responsibility for ASA's economics staff.

John Baize becomes Director of Washington Operations. Baize, currently program director, will monitor government and trade

policies and implement Soybean Association policies.

Bader said some additional staff reassignments will be made as part of the reorganization.

"The new structure will strengthen the Soybean Association's emphasis on

research and export market development while expanding the Association's commitment to grassroots farmers through effective member and public relations and economic analysis," Bader said.

Farm operating loans funded

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An additional \$250 million for farm operating loans is being made available immediately by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said recently.

The funds are being transferred from other loan programs where, it is anticipated they will not be needed in the remaining 12 weeks of the current fiscal year.

"This move will help ensure that farmers' needs for credit to finance this year's production will be met," Block said. "These funds are in addition to a record-high \$1.91 billion already budgeted for operating loans this year for Farmers Home Administration."

Of the \$250 million total, \$150 million in insured — or direct — loans is being moved from the single-family housing program, and \$100 million in loan guarantees is being moved from the business and industry loan guarantee program.

The additional funds will be made available on an as-needed basis to Farmers Home Ad-

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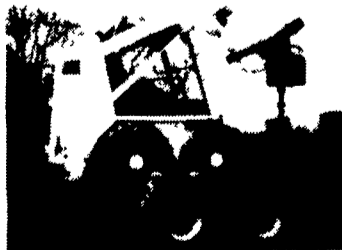
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