York Fair seeks fat fruit & voluminous veges

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YORK — Blessed with abundant rainfall and warm growing days, area gardens and farm lands promise peak production from numerous crops.

By the end of the week, the verdict should be in on whether or not the lush growth has produced a local world-record-sized fruit or vegetable.

York Fair, with its promised

any of ten produce classes beating the current world record size, gets underway on Friday, Sept. 7.

Horticulture entries will be accepted at the York Fair's Horticultural Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 4, and Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 1 to 9 p.m., and on Thursday, Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Classes for the world's record contest are: apple, cabbage, cantaloupe, cauliflower, gourd, pear, potato, squash (including

prize of \$1,000 to winning entries in pumpkins), tomato and watermelon. Determination of winnings will be based on weight and to earn the \$1,000 prize, an entry must best the current record as established ion the Guinness Book Of World Records.

Produce of the "brag patch" type, but not quite large enough to beat world records, could still cop a \$25 prize in the "York Fair Record" class. The fair's own records class is also a first this year, and will also be judged by weight.

Classes for the York Fair's records category include apple, cabbage, cantaloupe, gourd nectarine, pear, potato, squash (including pumpkin), tomato and watermelon.

A panel of York horticultural experts will make final rulings on entries in the World's Record class. Members of the committee are extension agent Tony Dobrosky, John Smith, retired extension agent and member of the York Fair Board, and John Hope Anderson, retired legislator, fruitgrower and life member of the York County Agricultural Society,

organizers of the York Fair. According to horticulture department manager Donald Lanius, no entry fees will be charged this yeare for those exhibits. Instead, entrants will receive two one-dollar rebate coupons that can be redeemed with an adult admission ticket stub (one rebate coupon per ticket stub) at the rebate office.

The York Interstate Fair will run from Sept. 7 through 15. For further information on the 'records'' classes, the York Fair office may be contacted at 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, or by calling 717-848-2596, weekdays 9 a.m., through 4 p.m.

Bottle bill hearings set

HARRISBURG - Residents of southcentral Pennsylvania will finally be able to voice their views on returnable beverage container legislation to a state House committee, according to Rep. Terry Scheetz.

The Lancaster County lawmaker urges interested parties to contact him if they wish to testify on the bill (House Bill 1341) before the House Consumer Affairs Committee. The committee is holding hearings in Harrisburg on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 6 and 7.

"Because of the late date and pro-union positions of many members of this committee, it's not likely that the measure will be considered by the full House this session," admitted Scheetz, "But, for the sake of future 'bottle bill' proposals, I hope those with an interest in the legislation will come

before the committee."

Scheetz is a strong supporter of bottle bills, but the chairman of the House Consumer Affairs Committee told a large group of glass company employees at an earlier hearing that he would do all he could to block passage of the bill.

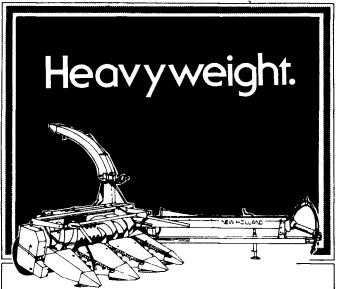
"I'm hopeful that the Harrisburg hearing will include strong testimony from farmers, en-vironmentalists and others supportive of the container recycling legislation," said Scheetz, "Their views are more important than any short-sighted politician and may help lead legislators in a more favorable direction in the future."

The hearings will be held beginning at 1 p.m. on Sept. 6 and continue all day on Sept. 7. The public session will be held in Room 418 of the Main Capitol.



Joe Raab, orchardist from York County who is a long-time Fair exhibitor, checks his Red Delicious trees to see if there may be a \$1,000 apple that will top existing Guiness record size.

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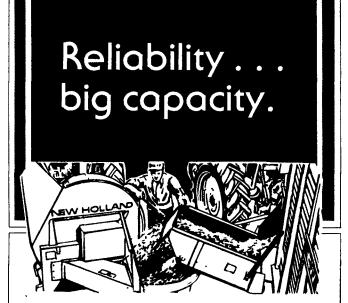
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