

Hort Show to be held in Ag Arena

UNIVERSITY PARK — Penn State's Hort show is coming home.

Traditionally a part of homecoming weekend, the Hort Show has been held in warm September weather the past few years because its temporary home was only a tent — a tent that last year, blew down the day before the Show.

Now, in its new permanent home in the Ag Arena, the 71st annual Hort Show, Oct. 20 and 21, can resume its place as the showcase of homecoming weekend.

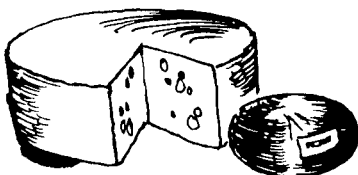
This year's exhibits change with the seasons. As visitors move through the Arena, they will see how nature's influence on plants in the home and garden changes with the seasons. Just as plants in your own home and garden change as they grow, each exhibit will reflect a separate gardening season, from winter's silent, snowy landscape, to the bright flowers of spring.

Bulbs, including daffodils, crocuses and tulips, are featured in the spring garden, while herbs and vegetables will dominate the summer exhibit. Flashed of fall color from marigolds, zinnias and chrysanthemums are the center of attention in the fall garden, and handsome evergreens accent the winter scene.

Since 1928, student organizations in Penn State's College of Agriculture have been responsible for all aspects of the Hort show. Students on campus during the summer semester grow potted annuals and vegetables for display. Perennials, however, are ordered from nearby nurseries and greenhouses. Students also design, organize, set-up and staff the two-day event.

As in the past, students will be selling house and garden plants, apples, cider and mushrooms. Proceeds, after expenses, support Hort Club activities. This year's projects include a pledge to the Ag Arena Fund, Club trips to major gardens, and a scholarship fund. Some money also supports social activities such as ice skating parties, banquets, and student and faculty picnics and parties.

The Horticulture Show at the Ag Arena is free and open to the public Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's on Penn State's University Park Campus, across from Beaver Stadium on the corner of Park Drive and Porter Road. Parking is free.



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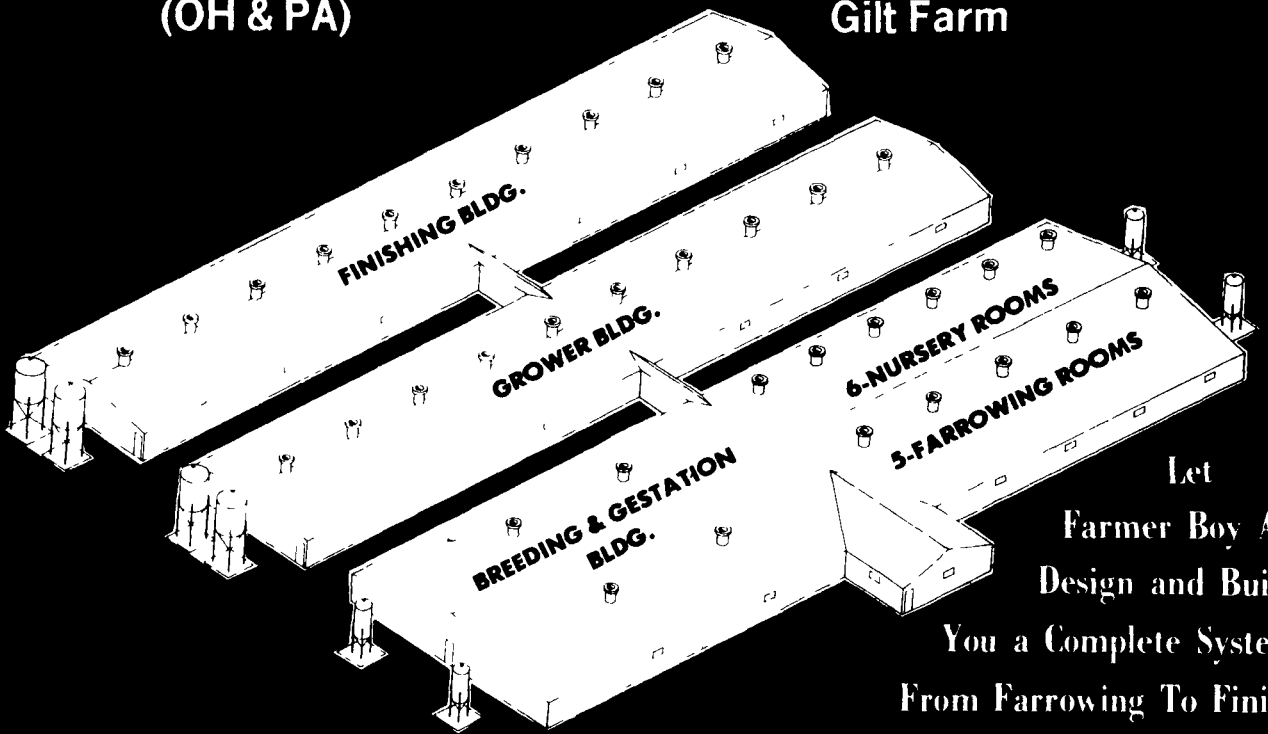


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