

Throngs view "state of the art" at Ag Progress Days



Crowds surround the food stands at lunchtime on Wednesday.

ROCK SPRINGS — Penn State's Ag Progress Days met the expectations of young and old, producer and consumer, dairyman and vegetable farmer.

Attendance was expected to at least match last year's 75,000, and perhaps, surpass the figure.

With programs and tours to equipment demonstrations and great food to eat, the university's College of Agriculture managed to entertain, if not inform.

The educational programs had a lot of offer, while a survey of the equipment offered a view of the state of the art in agriculture today.

For those who missed it, Ag Progress Days combined artifacts, equipment and products into a heady mixture of past, present and future. It was truly an event worth repeating, and one that shouldn't be missed by those who make up the world of agriculture.



Sample plots drew a lot of attention.



Lisa Coble of Dover, York County, relaxes at a tractor display.



The view from outside the new building, where the computers were on display.



A group moves through the first of three stages of an eight-minute presentation on the new computer system that links all the offices of the Penn State extension service



Jesse (left) and Jay Bomgardner take a look at some super eggs.