

# FAIR Days

## Farmers' Day At Flemington Fair Set for Aug. 27

FLEMINGTON, NJ — Farmers' Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 27 at Flemington Fair. Some activities of Farmers' Day will be held Thursday as well.

The first event for local farmers is the New Jersey State Farm Tractor Pull. It is set for 9 a.m. on Aug. 27, on the track in front of the grandstand.

About 75 to 80 farmer-owned tractors will compete in seven classes. Classes are determined by weight of tractor. They will range from the lightweights, Class 1, tractors 5,500 pounds and under, to the big ones, Class 7, tractors weighing 18,000 to 22,000 pounds.

Farmers arrive on the fairgrounds early that day for the official weigh-in, which begins at 8 a.m. They come as far as Stewartsville, Alpha, Washington, and south to the Amwells and Belle Mead. A large South Hunterdon contingent always participates.

Prizes include cash awards beginning at \$50 for first place and a trophy for the winner of each class. Sponsors for the awards are the local machinery dealers: Frank Rymon & Sons, Washington; Poniatowski Bros., Flemington; Hobensack & Sons, Ivyland, Pa., and D & R Equipment, Ringoes. The Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture also sponsor a trophy.

The contest involves a mechanical dragsled which is designed to increase the "drag" as the sled moves down the 300-foot

course. It can be adjusted class by class to accommodate the various size and powered tractors.

A committee, some 30 strong, conducts this event. There is a weighing crew, officials on the track serving as judges, flag-men, and others involved in the day-long contest.

The Farmers' Day program turns to the big, big "modified" tractors at night. These huge, often 2-engined monsters compete during the Wednesday evening program. They come from nearby states, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New York.

A few come from New Jersey, but most are from the Keystone

state, where the modifieds are a very popular Saturday night activity.

The Modifieds bring their own officials, but a local committee will handle many of the routine chores.

The annual Garden Tractor Pull is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday in front of the grandstand. A number of new, fun classes have been added, including a blind-folded male driver, directed by a female co-pilot.

Thursday evening's highlight will be the 4-wheel drive truck pulling contest. There's great interest in this one. Each year it increases in number of vehicles entered.

## Allentown Fair To Feature New Events

ALLENTOWN — The agricultural division of the Allentown Fair, which is usually a little more subdued in presentation than the other fair attractions, is planning some razzle-dazzle of its own this year.

An "Animal Mardis Gras" and a Hay Bale Throwing Contest are two new ingredients that Sterling Ritter, superintendent of the fair's Greater Livestock Show, is hoping will "beef up" the agricultural area at the west end of the fairgrounds.

The Animal Mardis Gras, which features fair exhibitors parading their animals in original costumes around the judging tent, premiered at the fair last year.

This year's Mardis Gras will be

at 7 p.m., Friday, August 29. The exhibitors will be judged on originality, creativity, attractiveness, cleanliness and performance.

A Hay Bale Throwing Contest at 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30, is being re-introduced into the fair line-up of activities and promises to be one of the largest agricultural events this year, according to Ritter. He expects 100 contestants to take their turns hurling hay bales the farthest distance. Anyone is welcome to enter.

Both of these events are free and open to the public. For information about them and other fair attractions call (215) 433-7541 or write The Allentown Fair, 17th & Chew Sts., Allentown, PA 18104.

## Elizabethtown Fair Opens Aug. 26

ELIZABETHTOWN — The Elizabethtown Fair will host Lancaster County FFA's annual tractor driving contest Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m.

Several area high schools will have members competing in the skill contest, which requires drivers to maneuver their tractors, with equipment attached, through an obstacle course. The contest will be held at Elizabethtown Fairgrounds.

Area FFA members will also compete for the supreme champion award to be given to the youth whose livestock represents the best of show for the entire fair. Judging for the award is drawn from the best of show in the dairy, beef, sheep and swine divisions.

A cup trophy, sponsored by Groff's Meats, Elizabethtown, will be awarded to the winner in the main arena at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The sale of champions will follow the award ceremony.

FFA and 4-H Clubs will also compete in group exhibits during the fair.

The swine show will be held in the main arena Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. Wednesday morning, the sheep show takes over main arena action at 11 a.m., while the beef show is planned for 6 p.m. A dairy goat show will be held at 8 p.m.

The dairy show is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday and the open sheep show will be held Friday at 4 p.m.

## Soybean Assoc. Elects President

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — David Haggard, a soybean farmer from Steele, Mo., has been elected president of the American Soybean Association. Haggard was elected during the Soybean Association's annual Soybean Expo by the 44 soybean farmers who make up the Soybean Association board of directors. These farmers represent soybean farmers in the 29 states that are affiliated with the Soybean Association.

The American Soybean

Association, a farmer-controlled commodity organization, conducts programs to build soybean profits for farmers through research, education and promotion.

Newly-elected president Haggard raises about 1,400 acres of soybeans annually. He has served on the Soybean Association's executive committee for three years and has represented Missouri on the Soybean Association's board of directors for five years.

## Sullivan Co. 4-H Livestock Sale

FORKSVILLE — The annual Sullivan County 4-H Livestock Sale will be held in conjunction with fair week here on Aug. 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The sale will be held at the county fairgrounds following the 4-H beef, sheep and swine judging. The sale committee estimates that four steers, eight lambs and five

hogs will be sold after the show, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

Prospective buyers may register at the county extension office prior to fair week or at the fairgrounds on sale day beginning at 4 p.m. The sale committee reminds buyers that prices paid above the market value of the animals qualify as a business deduction.

# BUCK TRACTOR PULLS..

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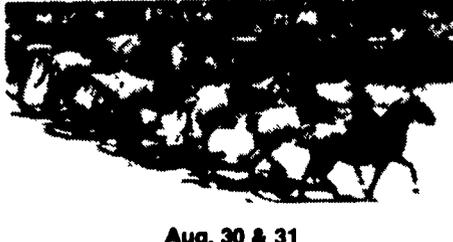
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GATES OPEN 2 HOURS BEFORE SHOW STARTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 8:00 P.M.  
(Rain Date Sunday, 2 P.M.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 8.00 P.M.  
(Rain Date Monday, 2 P.M.)

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Many cheeses are named after the places they were first produced or are made today. Perhaps the most well known is Cheddar, named after a village near Bristol, England; followed by Romano and Parmesan, who credit their names to the famous Italian cities of Rome and Parma. Limburger hails from the Belgian city of Limburg, and Tillamook, a well-aged Cheddar that's popular along the Pacific Coast, from Oregon's Tillamook County. Monterey Jack was developed by Dan Jacks, a Scotch dairy farmer in Monterey County, California, and Colby by the Steinwand family in Colby, Wisconsin.  
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The best way to know you're buying a REAL dairy product and not an imitation or substitute is to look for the "REAL" Seal on product cartons and labels. A stylized drop of milk with the word, REAL in the center, the Seal can be found on products which conform to federal and state standards of identity. You won't find it on imitation whipped toppings, chocolate drinks, margarines, sour creams or other imitation dairy products. Over 1,000 companies participate in the "REAL" Seal program, including food manufacturers and pizza processors, as well as food retailers.