

# Agriculture Reigns At York Fair Through Sept. 13

YORK — Although the thrills and chills of the midway draw many people to the York Fair, the heart and soul of the event is still agricultural. This year during the nine days (Sept. 5 to 13) when the country meets the city, fairgoers can enjoy a variety of rural attractions.

Horticulture Hall, located in the northeast corner of the Fairgrounds, is the place for exhibits from the bountiful farms, fields and kitchens of the Mid-Atlantic region. It is here where growers enter their prize-winning fruits and vegetables, including Pennsylvania's largest pumpkin, and compete for York Fair and Guinness World records to win as much as \$1,000 in premiums.

The shelves in the Hall are stacked with canned fruits, vegetables, and meats, as well as jams, jellies, marmalades, preserves and butters made with fruit.

Adjacent to Horticulture Hall, Old Main is filled with a treasure

trove of items reflecting the creativity and skill of numerous craftspeople. Needlework with such intriguing names as candlewicking and chicken scratch can be found here as well as woodwork, leather tooling, stenciling, sgraffito, basketry and many other handicrafts. A new feature at the 1986 Fair will be individuals demonstrating such skills as cake decorating, fresh and silk flower arranging, wood carving, decoy painting and stained glass.

Moving away from the home centered crafts in Old Main and out to the livestock barns, visitors to the Fair get a real taste, feel, look, listen and smell of country life.

"During the York Fair, in what is the East's largest livestock show, the public gains a real appreciation for the work involved in raising animals," observes Mr. John German, Assistant to the Livestock Manager. Whether it is a young 4-H member showing for the first time or a seasoned exhibitor, there is a tremendous amount of

skill and preparation that takes place before even entering the show ring. It is interesting to watch the various animals being bathed, brushed, braided, curried and possibly sheared in hopeful anticipation of a coveted blue ribbon.

Horse Pulling, one of the mainstays of an old fashioned county fair, will be featured Saturday, Sept. 13 at noon. This competition will be held on the track in front of the grandstand and is free to all fairgoers.

Approximately 20 Draft Horse Pulling Teams will compete in the lightweight (horses weighing 3200 pounds) and heavyweight (unlimited weight class over a ton) divisions. Entries in the competition will include several champion teams and will be pitting raw horse power strength against mechanical loads of up to 26 tons.

No trip to the barnyard would be complete without a look at some poultry. The Poultry Building contains a great collection of roosters, chickens, ducks and geese and there is even an incubator where chicks can be seen hatching from eggs. A pond with baby ducks sliding down a slide, pigeons, hamsters, guinea pigs,

and rabbits are also some of the exhibits of smaller animals featured in this building.

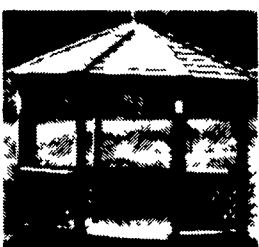
The York Fair definitely reflects

its rich agricultural heritage throughout the fairgrounds with the tremendous variety of exhibits, displays, and demonstrations.

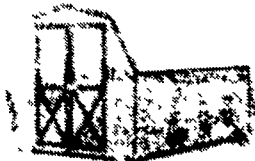


This award winning restored 1929 Ford Model A Huckster with Martin Parry body, pictured here with owner Fred Rosenmiller of Rosenmiller Farms in York, will be exhibited along with the prize winning produce in Horticulture Hall at the York Fair.

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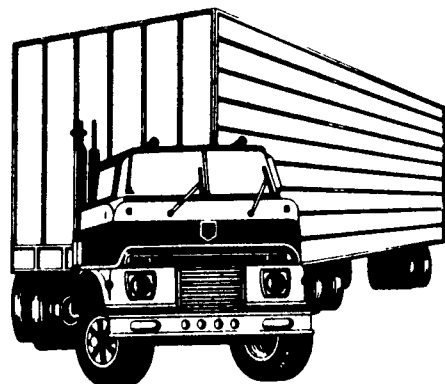
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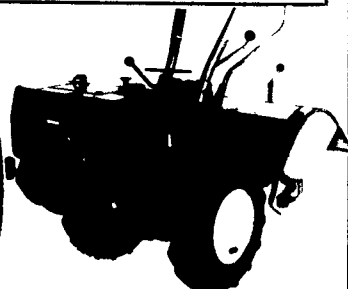
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