

# Lancaster Farming

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## Ag Progress Days To Open August 14

ROCK SPRINGS (Centre Co.)—A wide range of agriculture-related programs — from animal welfare to conservation to biotechnology — will be part of the 22nd annual Ag Progress Days sponsored by Penn State's College of Agriculture, August 14-16.

Held at the university's 1,500 acre Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rock Springs near State College, the three-day event attracts tens of thousands of people from farms, small towns and large cities.

To allow more people the chance to visit Ag Progress Days, hours for the event have been extended. Ag Progress Days will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday — August 14 and 16 — and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 15.

"We hope to see many first-time participants take advantage of after-work hours on Wednesday," said Keith Stevens, assistant to the dean for alumni relations



The crowd on Main Street during Ag Progress Days. For the map and schedule to locate events and exhibitors, turn to pages E17-24.

and special events. "We also want to give travelers some additional time to tour the facilities."

This year's theme, "Food and Environmental Quality: Preparing

for the 21st Century," will highlight many of the issues that will face Pennsylvania and the world in the years and decades to come.

"Ag Progress Days is an oppor-

tunity to show visitors the many ways that agriculture touches our lives today, and to look to the future," said Dr. Lamartine F. Hood, dean of Penn State's College of

Agriculture. "We want to show visitors the scope of issues that their College of Agriculture is addressing and how the research (Turn to Page A51)

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The Robert Hartung family gathers around the "Rohart rock" that they brought with them when they moved from New Jersey to Franklin County in April 1989. Seated on the rock are Robert Hartung holding grandson Brandon Beidel, and wife Kathy holding grandson Benjamin Beidel. In the back are Curtis Carbaugh, Hartung's hired man; son Thomas; daughter Susan Beidel and her husband Brad; Robert Hartung Jr. and his wife Debbie, holding Heather.

## Hartung Family Hosts Franklin Club

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MERCERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — Recent "immigrants" to Franklin County hosted this year's Franklin County Holstein Club's Field Day. The Robert Hartung family of Mercersburg moved here from Belvidere, New Jersey

in April 1989. Robert Hartung, Sr. runs the operation in partnership with his two sons, Thomas and Robert, Jr.

Farming at Rohart farm is a family project. Wife and mother Kathy, who sells real estate, feeds calves and does the farm's book-keeping. Robert Jr. is the field

man, and his wife Debbie feeds calves and does the registrations. Thomas is responsible for the cows. Daughter Susan Beidel, who farms with her husband near Newburg, is the accountant for her parent's operation. Hired man Curtis Carbaugh, who "came with

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## Egg Marketing Program Fails In Referendum

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — A proposal to establish a marketing program for Pennsylvania eggs failed to muster sufficient votes for enactment in a referendum conducted in late July.

State Department of Agriculture officials said that although 57 percent of the producers balloting approved the program, they owned only 43 percent of the laying

hens represented by those voting.

For passage, the proposal had to attract a majority of the votes cast and those supporting it had to own a majority of the laying hens.

Ballots were mailed to 118 producers who each owned 30,000 or more laying hens. The results were tabulated Aug. 1 by a teller committee.

## Pa. Pork Producers Council, National Board Announce Election

KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — The election of pork producer candidates for the 1991 National Pork Producers delegate body will take place at 8 p.m., Thursday, August 16, in conjunction with a board of directors meeting of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council at the region VI office of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in Summerdale. All Pennsylvania pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due under the national 100 percent checkoff may be considered as a delegate candidate and participate in voting. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the time of election. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, RD 2, Box 219, Kutztown, PA 19530, (215) 285-6519.

## Pennsylvania Century Farm Owners Recognized

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Thirty farms were recently designated by the Department of Agriculture as official Pennsylvania Century Farms, according to State Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff.

"We are pleased to honor these farm owners for their dedication and contributions to our agricultural heritage. The farm family is still

the backbone of our state and nation, and we are firmly committed to the preservation of our farmland resources," he said.

The Century Farms Program was established to help publicize the strengths and durability of our farm families and to stress the importance of agriculture to all citizens of the Commonwealth. To

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