

Farm Show: Special Features, Special Attractions

ANIMALS ON DISPLAY - Over 5,000 animals will be exhibited throughout Farm Show Week. Sheep, swine, horses, dairy cattle, beef cattle, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits will be the focal point of judging competitions and sales.

APPLE PIE CONTEST - Now in its third year, the Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest has become a Farm Show tradition. Co-sponsored by the Pa. Apple Marketing Board, the contest brings together certified winners from 1990 local and county fairs to compete for the state title.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS - Farm Show Week provides a great opportunity for agricultural associations to conduct meetings since so many members are already attending or participating in the show. If your agricultural organization would like to schedule a meeting room during the show, please call 717-787-5373.

BEEF CATTLE - See five different breeds of beef cattle in competition at the 75th Farm Show. In addition to the popular Angus cattle, the show features Limousin, Polled Hereford, Charolais and Simmental breeds. Open beef cattle judging is scheduled for Tuesday, and the junior beef and steers will be judged on Thursday in the Large Arena.

BRED GILT SHOW AND SALE - The Bred Gilt Show and Sale affords swine breeders an excellent opportunity to purchase champion animals to build and improve their herds. Berkshire, Duroc, Hampshire and Landrace swine will be sold on Monday in the Small Arena, with Yorkshire, Spotted Swine, Poland China and Chester White swine going to auction on Tuesday.

BUTTER SCULPTURE - For the first time ever, the Farm Show presents a butter sculpture. Co-sponsored by the four dairy promotion agencies operating in Pennsylvania, the sculpture will be hand-carved from 800 pounds of Keller's Butter. The butter will be donated to local food banks when the show is over. This unique exhibit will be on display throughout the week in the Main Lobby, so bring your cameras!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - Governor Casey has authorized the release of more than \$3.2 million in capital funds for construction of a new livestock exhibition hall at the Farm Show Complex. The two-story addition will be located south of the Large Arena, adjacent to the East and North buildings. Construction is scheduled for completion prior to the 1993 show. The installation of a new roof over the Large Arena was recently completed, and other projects slated for completion in mid-1991 include new lighting, heating and sound systems in the Large Arena.

COCOA COOKIE AND CAKE CONTESTS - Division winners of county and local fairs will compete in this new event co-sponsored by the Pa. State Association of County Fairs. Champions in both categories will win a weekend trip for four to their choice of the nearby Hershey Resort and Conference Center or the Hershey Hotel.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS - See more than 250 commercial exhibits featuring the newest innovations in farm equipment, services and products. With over \$10 million of equipment on display, you will want to give yourself plenty of time to see and learn about this year's newest products.

COMMODITY DISPLAYS - Some of the Farm Show's best kept secrets are located in the the East and West Lobby. The commodity displays include such products as corn, hay, tobacco, maple syrup, fruit, nuts, honey, potatoes, small grains, vegetables, evergreen trees, poultry, wool and mushrooms. See some of Pennsylvania's finest agricultural products in competition.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS - Looking for some new menu ideas? Cooking demonstrations will be featured daily in the Pennsylvania Food Pantry in the West Lobby. Student chefs from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the Harrisburg Area Community College will share their culinary talents, preparing recipes with quality Pennsylvania food products.

DAIRY CATTLE SHOWS - Over 400 head of dairy cattle representing six major breeds will be exhibited in the North Building throughout Farm Show Week. Dairy cattle judging takes place on Wednesday in the Large Arena, concluding with the selection of the Supreme Champion Dairy Cow.

DAIRY FUN NIGHT - Showgoers will find plenty to smile about during this all new Monday evening program in the Small Arena. Co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, the event features an ice cream churning contest, butter making contest, celebrity milking contest, calf dressing and dairy jeopardy in recognition of Pennsylvania's outstanding dairy industry.

DAIRY GOAT SHOW - If dairy goats are a priority on your list of things to see at the Farm Show, plan to attend on Friday. The dairy goat judging begins at 8:30 AM in the Large Arena, with competition and dairy goats on display there throughout the day.

EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS - Federal and state government agencies, along with universities and agricultural organizations, offer Farm Show visitors valuable information on their services and activities.

FAMILY LIVING EXHIBITS - The Family Living Department on the Lower Concourse of the Large Arena gives the homemaker and craft enthusiast an opportunity to gauge their skills in statewide competition. The food, clothing and craft exhibits make this stop appealing to young and old alike.

FARM SHOW POSTER - A commemorative poster has been specially designed to mark the 75th Farm Show. The poster salutes the proud heritage of Pennsylvania agriculture using a 1903 image of a farmer husking corn. The image is taken from the tiled pavement in our State Capitol Building and is one of many scenes recognizing agriculture. A limited number of the posters will be on sale at the souvenir stands during Farm Show Week.

FLOWERS - Over 3,000 poinsettias are used to decorate the facility during Farm Show Week. The flowers, purchased from the Pennsylvania Florists Association, come from more than 80 greenhouses around the Commonwealth. The association uses the proceeds from this decoration contract to fund educational programs which promote their industry.

FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL - The Folk Dance Festival, scheduled for Tuesday evening in the Large Arena, has always been a sight to behold. This year promises to be no exception. The competition will be intense as 50 sets of dancers vie for monetary prizes in three divisions.

4-H HORSE DRILL TEAM - Hooves will click and flags will fly as 25 members of the Cumberland County 4-H Horse Drill Team perform a precision riding program during the rodeo intermission on Sunday. This club has been pleasing Farm Show audiences for many years and this year promises to be every bit as exciting.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES - Along with the traditional 4-H exhibits, the 1991 Farm Show has been expanded to include many new 4-H creative endeavors, like shooting sports, indoor gardening and child care projects. The 4-H display area, located on the Lower Concourse of the Large Arena, will be open to the public all week.

HISTORICAL MARKER - In conjunction with the

75th Farm Show, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission will honor the significance of the event by placing an historical marker on the Farm Show grounds. Through its Historical Marker Program, the Commission commemorates events that have had meaningful impact on their times. The annual Farm Show is being recognized not only for its local importance, but its statewide and national significance as well.

HISTORY BOOK - The chance to relive the history of the Pennsylvania Farm Show awaits you in this special publication. The book traces the history of the show from its modest beginnings into one of the premier agricultural events in the nation. Beginning on January 6, a limited number of these commemorative books will be on sale at souvenir stands around the complex.

HORSE SHOWS - Always a favorite, horse shows and contests dominate the evening programs in the Large Arena. The draft horse hitched competition on Monday evening is the first of the events, followed by the Horse Pulling Contest on Wednesday and the Pony Pulling Contest on Thursday. Equine lovers will also find more than 100 horses in the Northwest Building as exhibitors groom them for judging. Discover the strength, skill and beauty of these majestic animals.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE - The Junior Livestock Sale (sheep, swine and beef) recognizes the dedication and achievements of 4-H and FFA members involved in junior market livestock programs. Earnings from the auction go directly to the young exhibitors, often enabling them to pursue careers in agriculture. Held in the Small Arena on Friday, the sale is supported by many statewide and local businesses. The Farm Show is challenging businesses and

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