

Ag Progress Days To Open August 18

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more certification credits. Space is available for 50 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Young people will enjoy the computer classroom located in the Youth Building, with introductory lessons on the Apple Macintosh computer running throughout the day. The Youth Building also will feature information on career planning, college admission, the 4-H program and the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences.

Nearby will be the wildlife exhibit from the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, with some of Pennsylvania's many animal species.

The equine educational program includes breed exhibitions, handling and training clinics, riding demonstrations and horseshoe and tack displays.

Daily features include breed exhibitions and a handling and training clinic. Wednesday will feature therapeutic and 4-H champion riding demonstrations, the Thorncroft Mainstreamers Drill Team and draft horse exhibitions.

Visitors can get timely advice when they "Ask the Experts." Penn State faculty and extension agents will be available to answer general questions and deal with specific problems concerning landscape, lawn and garden; crop and soil science; and dairy and livestock production.

Bus tours to the research farms always have been a highlight of Ag Progress Days. Tuesday's tour will focus on ways to maximize vegetable and small fruit production. On Wednesday, visitors will travel to the University Park Campus for a tour of the dairy production facilities and forage pastures

managed under an intensive rotational system. Thursday's tour will focus on the latest research in field crops, with emphasis on corn, alfalfa and soybeans.

The special topics tours will run twice a day at 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. General research tours, forestry tours and soil and water conservation tours are scheduled throughout the day.

On Wednesday, a special tour offered at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. will visit the site of a timber bridge designed by Penn State faculty and sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. This type of bridge,

made of glue-laminated beams, may soon replace decaying steel and concrete bridges across the nation.

At the Meating Place, faculty and staff from the College of Agricultural Sciences will give meat cutting and cooking demonstrations, explaining which cuts are low in fat and preparing the meat different ways. Visitors can sample the results.

There also is plenty of food to eat, served by local agricultural and community service organizations.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days features over 500 acres of educa-

tional and commercial exhibits, tours and machinery demonstrations. It is held at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rock Springs, nine miles southwest of State College on


Route 45, August 18-20. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with extended hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Admission and parking are free.

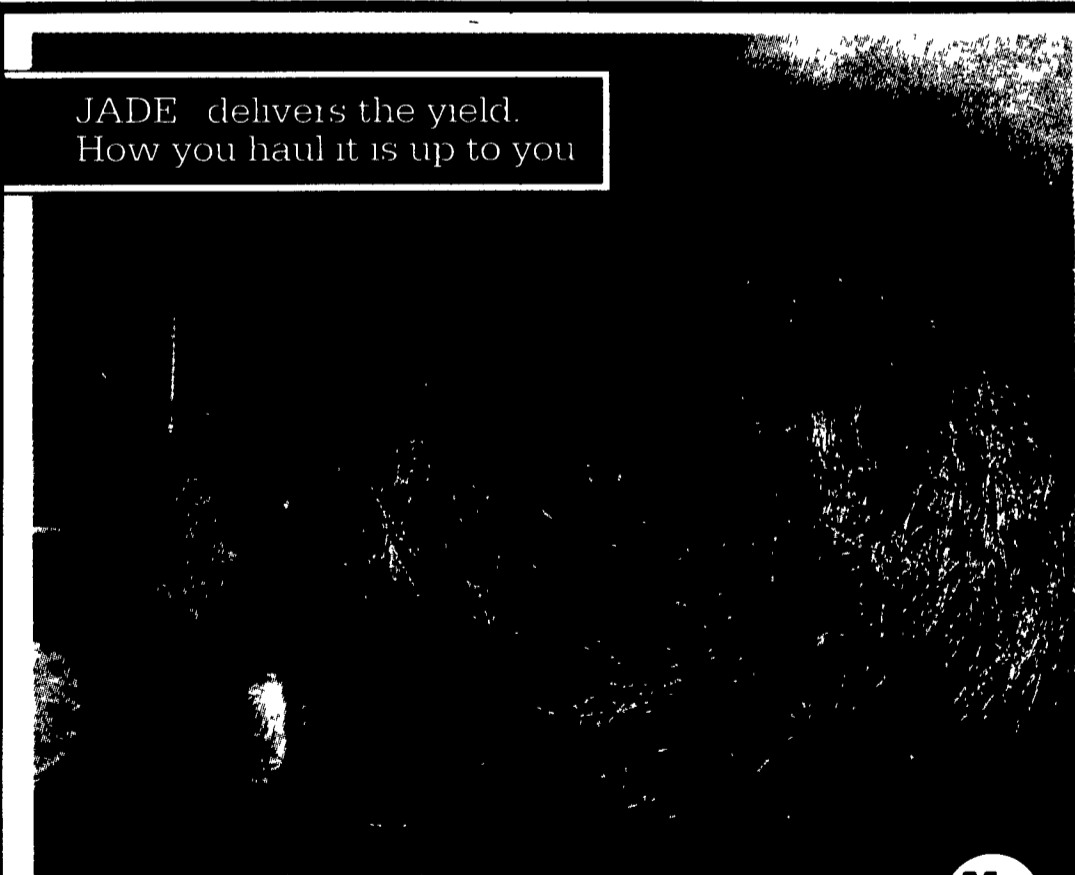
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