

Facts And Special Attractions Listed For The 1993 Farm Show

Electronic Directory- Called interactive multimedia, this electronic version of the Farm Show schedule is based on a regular computer and touch screen monitor. Computer screens at seven convenient locations around the Complex can provide answers to frequent questions about judging times or specific locations of exhibits. Any last minute schedule changes will be incorporated in the touch screen information, user friendly to everyone without a degree in computer science.

Entries- Last year, 10,832 entries were actually shown in 30 departments of competition throughout the weeklong extravaganza. A comparable number is again expected in a wide variety of activities, from livestock and poultry shows to commodity and school exhibits to farm and home displays.

FFA Convention- Approximately 1,000 FFA members will coverage on the Farm Show Complex for their 64th Mid-Winter Convention. For the first time in the history of the organization, vo-ag students will meet in the Large Arena on Monday at 4 p.m. More than 200 members will be presented with Keystone Degrees for their involvement in supervised agricultural projects throughout the past year. A few selected members will also receive coveted State Star Awards for excellence in their fields.

Family Corner- The family living exhibits will now be found in an exciting new location on the second floor of the Northeast Building. This will also be the lawn and garden center, with floriculture and horticulture exhibitors occupying the area.

Folk Dance Festival- The Folk Dance Festival, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday night in the Large Arena, has always been a sight to behold. This year's competition promises to be spectacular, as 60 sets of attractively costumed dancers vie for monetary prizes in three age divisions. Members of several local clubs will demonstrate the latest in round and square dance techniques during the evening.

Food Court- Just follow the crowds and they'll lead you to the famous Pennsylvania commodity food booths in a 27,000 square foot building of the Farm Show Complex fondly referred to as the Food Court. Along with the old favorites (milkshakes, baked potatoes, vegetable soup, chicken and chicken corn soup, deep fried mushrooms, potato donuts, lamb stew, apple cider, honey ice cream, pork barbecues, beef sandwiches and cinnamon rolls), hungry visitors will find new items like fish and chips, fish sandwiches, smoked trout, shoo fly pies, maple syrup sundaes and maple syrup frozen yogurt.

4-H Horse Drill Team- Members of the Cumberland County 4-H Horse Drill Team will perform an hour-long precision riding program on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 in the Large Arena. Year after year, this group demonstrates riding maneuvers that are a popular part of the Farm Show entertainment card.

4-H Exhibits- Food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, crafts and child care, animal science and entomology, photography and woodworking, gardening and wildlife are all among the categories that 4-H club members can submit projects for judging. The 4-H display area and the Family Living Department will be moving to new quarters in the

Northeast Building.

Governor's Day- Get your seat early for Sunday's activities in the Large Arena. The program begins at 10 a.m. with a non-demonia-tional worship service, followed by the Governor's Review at 11 a.m. when the arena becomes a showcase of Pennsylvania agriculture and a salute to the 26 commodity representatives. Enjoy the entertainment of the Hegeman String Band, the draft horse hitched competition and the Junior Tamburit-zans of South Hills.

Hegeman String Band- Part of the famous Mummies Parade on New Year's Day, the Hegeman String Band will perform at 12 noon on Sunday in the Large Arena.

Horse Shows- Horse shows and contests are always popular with Farm Show visitors and therefore dominate the entertainment programs in the Large Arena. The action includes two rodeo programs, judging in Belgain, Percheron and Clydesdale classes, draft horse hitched classes, and the exciting horse and pony pulling contests. More than 100 horses are expected to compete for prize money throughout the week.

Horse And Pony Pulling- Fifty teams will enter the Large Arena on Tuesday and Wednesday evening for the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. The action finds several classes of horses and ponies pulling a weighted sled, attempting to outdistance their competitors.

Horticulture Center- A variety of horticulture exhibits are planned for the second floor of the Northeast Building. Not only will they add beauty to the area, but they should inspire your own landscaping efforts as well.

Ice Sculptures- Armed with chain saws and ice picks, culinary students from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania will delight visitors with their creativity and skillful designs carved from ice. The sculpting will only be done once, in front of the Main Lobby.

Judges- Sixty-eight judges from ten states and Canada have been invited to preside over the competition in 30 Farm Show departments. The judges come from all walks of life, from school teachers to occupational experts to hobbyists. Some will only judge two classes (hitched horses) and some judge as many as 250 classes (poultry).

Junior Livestock Sale- The Junior Livestock Sale on Thursday serves as a proud salute to the young people of Pennsylvania agriculture, recognizing the dedication and achievements of 4-H and FFA members involved in junior market livestock programs. Earning from the auction go directly to the young exhibitors, often enabling them to pursue careers in agriculture. We invite you to come and support this year's sale!

Junior Tamburitans Of South Hills- One of six groups that belong to the Duquesne University Tamburitan's Community School Program, this young group of students stages a performance similar to that of big Tambies who performed here last year. The juniors are also being trained in the folk dancing and music that represents the eastern European countries.

Main Floor Exhibits- In accordance with the desires of the commercial exhibitors, the doors of the Main Building will be open at 9 a.m. and close each night at 8 p.m. The livestock barns will remain open until 9 p.m., and some of the shows in the Large Arena will actually last a bit later than 9 p.m. (The exception is Sunday night, when everything closes at 6 p.m.)

Milking Parlor- Over 200 dairy cows are milked twice daily in a modern milking parlor in the North Building. The facility is a miniature version of the milk houses found on the commercial dairy farms. Our accommodations are unique among dairy shows because the facilities are approved by State Milk Sanitarians for the production and sale of fluid milk.

Northeast Building- The contracted completion date is not until April 1, 1993, but progress on the new 82,000 square foot Northeast Building was so far ahead of schedule that occupancy permits were being secured for use during Farm Show Week. If all goes well, the first floor will be transformed into a horse barn, alleviating congestion in the Northwest Building, while providing greater safety and much better crowd flow. The second level will be the Family Living and Horticulture Center.

Novelties- T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and toys with the Farm Show logo will be sold from several locations throughout the Complex. Your trip won't be complete without one of these.

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