

Facts And Special Attractions Listed For The 1993 Farm Show

Program Souvenir Book- The Official Program Souvenir Book is available for \$2 at the main entrance of the Farm Show-Complex. The book includes the obvious things like daily schedules, maps, exhibitors, lists, highlights from last years extravaganza and information on the commodity representatives. But it also provides you with a valuable reference tool, featuring other information on Pennsylvania agriculture and the vital associations that make it our number one industry.

Older Pennsylvanians Reception Center- A reception center will be open on Monday, Agricultural Heritage Day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Lobby along the south side of the complex for older visitors to relax and acquire pertinent information. Brochures on subjects like generic drugs, long term health care, and benefits and rights for older citizens will be available.

Pennsylvania Food Pantry- Through the cooperation of statewide agricultural organizations, the Pennsylvania Food Pantry will showcase an array of products produced and processed in Pennsylvania. Cooking demonstrations will be conducted several times a day in the West Lobby.

Poultry Display- About 2,000 bantams, geese, chickens and ducks are expected for judging prior to opening day. Over 400 champion birds will be displayed along the Lower Concourse throughout the week. You will also find the egg display in the poultry area.

Rabbit Show- Sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, this is a one-day carrying cage show held prior to opening day. All best of breed, best of show,

best of variety and all ten youth meat pen animals will be cooped and on exhibit for the entire week of Farm Show.

Record Premiums Offered- The Pennsylvania State Farm Show is committed to exhibiting the best that Pennsylvania agriculture has to offer. This commitment to attracting top quality agricultural products and livestock is evidenced by another increase in premiums, which now brings the total purse offered to 1993 exhibitors to a record \$202,250.

Rodeo- Members of the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association will perform for afternoon and evening audiences in the Large Arena on Saturday. The student riders will compete for separate points in each sanctioned show, with classes in team roping, saddle and bareback riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, breakaway roping, goat tying, pole bending and barrel racing.

Scooperbowl Saturday- For a \$3 contribution to a local charity, Saturday afternoon visitors can enter the Scooperbowl Arena and eat as much ice cream as they like. You're sure to find several varieties to your liking in this new event on the second level of the Northeast Building, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program.

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center- See live reptiles and raptors in this hands-on museum geared toward children. Experience this educational display in the Family Corner on the second level of the Northeast Building, Saturday through Tuesday.

NACAA Recognizes Two

DAUPHIN (Dauphin Co.) — Two Pennsylvania cooperative extension agents have been recognized for their educational programs by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA).

Alan H. Michael, multicounty agent in ornamental horticulture, based in Dauphin County, and Carol Schurman, Indiana County 4-H agent, have been honored in the NACAA Search for Excellence awards program.

The Search for Excellence program recognizes 20 agents from across the nation in the areas of farm income, administrative management, 4-H and youth, urban programs, and rural development. Both agents presented their programs to participants at the NACAA annual conference in Little Rock, Ark.

Michael was recognized for a program of integrated pest management in commercial greenhouse crop production. The program was designed to reduce pesticide usage in control of whiteflies and other greenhouse insect pests and to transfer biological control technology into commercial greenhouses, helping to reduce worker, crop, and environmental exposure to pesticides. The three-year program showed that biological control and regular scouting for pests is effective and economical.

The seven growers involved were able to reduce pesticide applications. Six growers eliminated 50 percent of previous applications, and one grower, using only bio-control, eliminated 100 percent of previously applied insecticides. Michael also produced a video which has been viewed by 1,200 people. The Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture also provided funding for the program.

Schurman was honored for her work with environmental education of county youth in a day camp setting. Her program has involved 121 youth in five day camp settings and 185 youth in other educational settings. Youth have received information in such areas as water quality, plants, soils, environmental shopping, forestry, wildlife, and nature study. More than 90 percent of the youth involved have indicated a knowledge gain in these areas.

Schurman also won an award from Lesco, Inc. for her horticultural program which includes a yearly 4-H flower and vegetable show involving 25 4-H members and 300 entries.

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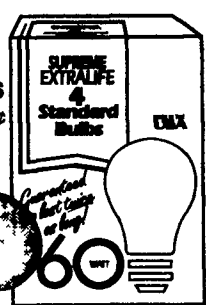
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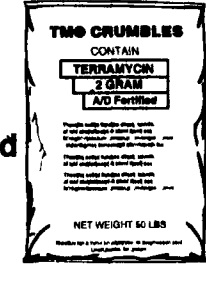
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