

Pennsylvania State Plowing Contest Set

MANCHESTER (York Co.)—The Pennsylvania State Plowing Contest that was started in 1952 will take place again this year in conjunction with the ninth annual Olde Tyme Days and the 120th Great Grangers Interstate Fair and Agricultural Exhibition. These events will be August 26 to 29 on the Rentzel Farm, north of Manchester, just off Pennsylvania Route 181. In addition to the plowing contest, a flea market and craft tent, as well as antique tractors, cars and gas engines, will be displayed at the show.



Orle Gemmill won the large plow division of the state plowing contest in 1992. This year the event is scheduled for August 26 to 29 at the Rentzel Farm in York County.

Field activities include both the operation of modern and horse-power equipment. State plow matches will take place in small plow, large plow, and contour plow.

each year, and winners of the state contest are eligible to compete in the national and international con-

tests. The national plowing contest will take place in Pennsylvania in 1995.

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Two costumed characters, Big-foot and Itchy the Mondo Tick, will hand out helium balloons to youngsters while disturbing information about Lyme disease. Big-foot and Itchy have appeared in educational videos and public service announcements on Lyme disease prevention and will be at Ag Progress Days to answer questions about the ailment.

Homeowners and gardeners can ask Penn State experts questions about plants and insects and learn more about backyard composting at the Landscape, Lawn and Garden Tent.

Consumers can learn more about food safety and other topics at the Meating Place, which provides information about nutritional labelling of meats, proper meat handling and the role of meats in a healthy diet.

Workshops and demonstrations for farmers will cover nutrient

management, soil conservation, on-farm composting and other practices. Guided tours will detail cutting-edge research that helps producers to grow crops with fewer pesticides and fertilizers.

Other exhibits will focus on career options for women in agriculture, using computers, and how crafts such as quilts, woodworking and pottery reflect Pennsylvania's rural heritage.

And if all this makes you hungry, don't worry — a variety of civic and commodity groups will be on hand to sell food, including steak sandwiches, breaded mushrooms and the famous University Creamery ice cream.

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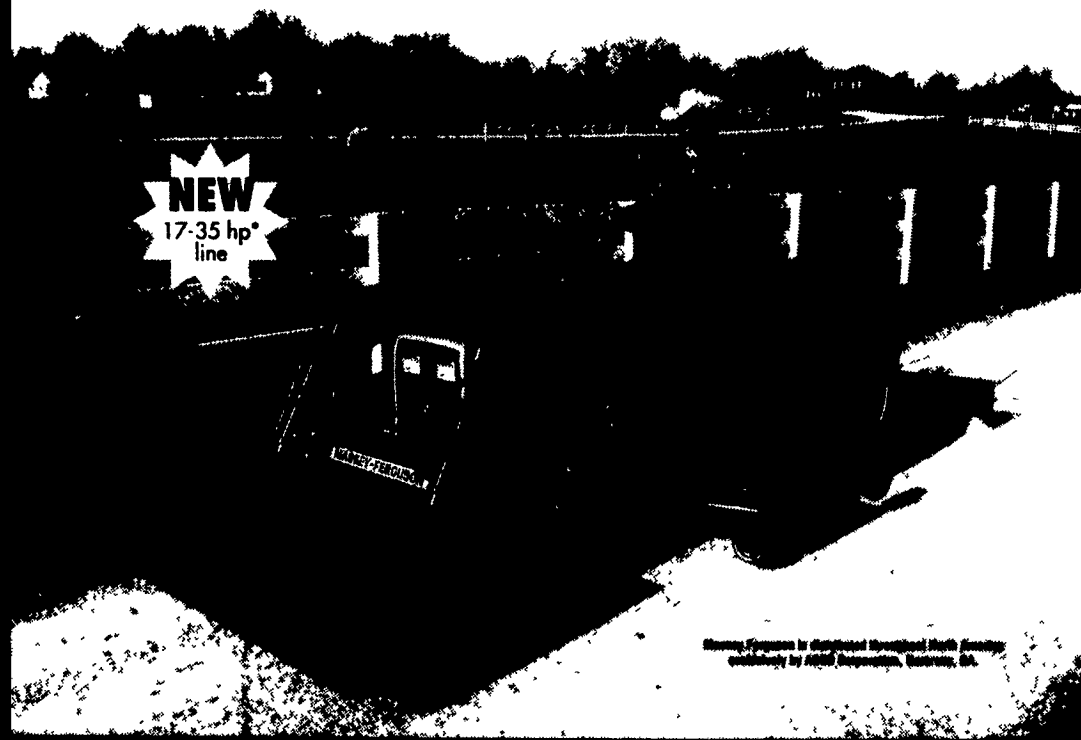
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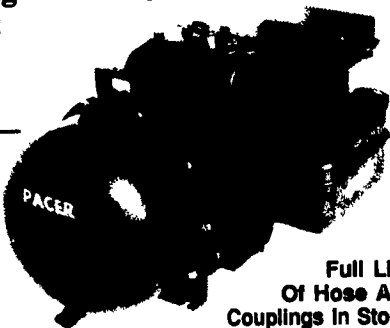
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