

# 1994 Farm Products Show Bigger, Better, Busier

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Young people talking and exchanging details of a summer apart, getting to know others with similar interests.

Older people doing the same thing, just a little slower, and not quite as loudly.

But the show is almost always in some stage of development, as some commercial and agricultural commodity exhibitors spend years in advance planning to attend the largest free indoor agricultural expo in the nation.

And state officials, such as Victoria Ritter, Farm Show director, never really stop working from opening day to opening day.

In fact, the behind-the-scenes

activity is full. Since presstime Thursday, at least one judge was to have been already making final decisions and placing ribbons — Randy Sprague, of Portville, N.Y., was to have judged the maple syrup products display.

Today is also full with judging of poultry, swine, Christmas trees, horticultural commodities, grains, and vegetables.

And leading up to this coming week, for several weeks farm families around the state have been selecting animals, brushing, caring, washing, grooming, walking them and getting them used to constant attention and other people, in preparation for one of the highlights of the year.

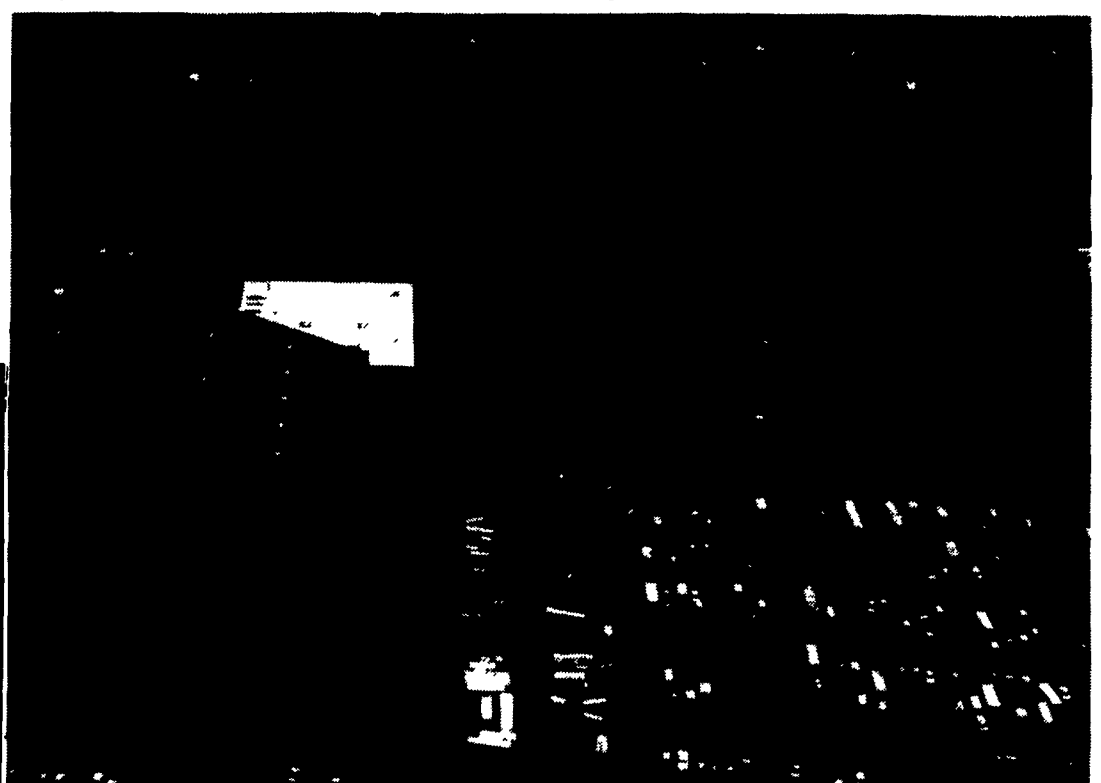
Some commercial exhibitors, especially those with large, bulky equipment, started bringing their wares into the 622,000-square foot Farm Show Complex before Christmas, in order to set up the displays quickly and efficiently. Every year there seems to be

something new at the Farm Show, and while there aren't perhaps as many noticeable changes as in recent years (such as new roofs, lighting, new additions, etc.), there is always something new at the Farm Show.

The walls of the Large Arena

were painted for the first time last year and this year the walls of the Main Exhibit Hall were painted. In fact, Ritter said that of the 500 doors to the huge Farm Show Complex, about 340 are already painted.

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A view of the Farm Show Complex from the air gives an idea of the immensity of the 1994 Farm Show show that is to take place this week under its roof. The building has undergone renovations in recent years and continues to be upgraded as state funds become available.

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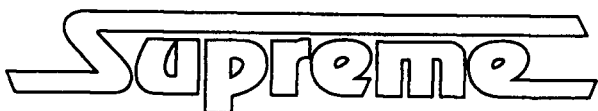


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