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## Ag Progress Days To Show What's New In Agriculture

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Attractions ranging from a food safety game show to a remote-controlled tractor rollover to an insect petting zoo will be on display at Ag Progress Days, sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Aug. 16-18.

Ag Sciences . . . We're More Than You Think!, centers on food safety. The exposition is held at the university's 1,500-acre Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rockspring, near State College.

"Thanks to research and extension, the United States has the

most abundant, least expensive and highest-quality food in the world," says Dr. Lamartine F. Hood, dean of the college. "To ensure safe, plentiful supplies in the future, we must continue to find ways to economically produce and process foods with fewer harmful bacteria or potentially harmful re-

sidues." Eating unsafe food can put consumers in jeopardy and visitors to Ag Progress Days will get a chance to test their knowledge of agriculture and food safety on SciQ, a "Jeopardy"-like game show played daily at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the College Exhibits Building Theatre. Admission is free. There will be an evening show Wednesday at 6 p.m. WZWW radio team Jeff Brown and Steve Jones will host the show Tuesday and Wednesday. Rick Kauffman, associate extension agent in Berks County, will host the Thursday shows.

the College Exhibits Building will show how research and education help to reduce pesticide residues, increase processing safety and improve home food-handling techniques. Penn State faculty and staff will be present to answer questions.

Safety on tractors is the focus of another demonstration as experts in agricultural engineering operate a 35-horsepower, remote-controlled tractor on slopes of varying angles. By observing the tractor undergo side and rear overturns, visitors can see the cause and effects of rollovers while learning important prevention tips.

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Ag Progress Days begin 9 a.m. on Tuesday at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center in Rockspring. This premier educational event salutes the progressive nature of agriculture in research, extension, and industrial adaptation to the needs of farmers and the environment. The exposition annually draws 300 exhibitors and 50,000 people.

This Ag Progress issue of *Lancaster Farming* has schedules of daily events, stories of introduction to events, a layout of the grounds, and messages from the exhibitors. In addition, regular features, markets, and coverage of events are included.

Ag Progress Days conclude at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

## Bomgardners Take Premier Breeder, Exhibitor At Lebanon Fair

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Lancaster Farming Staff  
NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — The John and Mar-

garet Bomgardner family, owners of Loving Meadows Farm, in north Annville, were named premier breeder and exhibitor of the Leba-

non Fair Holstein show last week. The family also showed the reserve grand champion Holstein and the junior champion, along with several first place animals in their classes.

The grand champion Holstein, senior 4-year-old Dale-Pride Blacks Kasmira, a Blackstar

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Amanda Martin holds the halter of her winter yearling and her ribbon for winning the first place best-bred and owned youth division ribbon and award. Also shown is second place Alicia Martin, and third place Jesse Bomgardner.

## Wessner Shows Kutztown Swine Champion

ANDY ANDREWS  
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KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) —

"Mom picked out the hog for us. She always picks out our hogs."

Kutztown Fair Market Swine Show Champion Stephen Wessner said that his 191-pound Hampshire/Yorkshire gilt, from the heavyweight class, was picked by his mother, Barbara, from Raber Farms, New Tripoli.

Stephen, 19, who works for his father, Harlan, looks forward to many more shows this year, including Allentown, the Keystone International Livestock Expo, and the State Farm Show.

Show judge Ron Trostle, Trostle Livestock, Red Lion, said the heavyweight hog was the "longest-sided and leanest" of all the hogs in the ring. "I feel this pig is probably the largest of the three

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Stephen Wessner, New Tripoli, left, was awarded champion market hog on Tuesday at the Kutztown Fair. At right is show judge Ron Trostle.

## AG Progress Days

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We're More Than You Think"

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