

**ANIMALS ON DISPLAY** - The number of livestock and poultry shown during last year's Farm Show totaled 4,491, down significantly due to inclement weather. A larger number of sheep, swine, horses, cattle, goats, poultry and rabbits are expected in 1995. Always in the limelight throughout Farm Show Week, our livestock shows and sales attract exhibitors and visitors from all corners of the Commonwealth.

**ASSOCIATION MEETINGS** - Farm Show Week provides a great opportunity for agricultural associations to conduct business meetings and seminars since so many members are already attending or participating in the show. Please call 717-787-5373 to reserve one of five climate-controlled meeting rooms on the second floor.

**BEEF CATTLE** - There were 464 head of beef cattle in competition at the 1994 Farm Show. Open beef cattle judging is scheduled for Monday morning, featuring Angus, Charolais, Limousin, Polled Hereford and Simmental breeds. The junior beef breeding and junior steer classes will be judged on Wednesday in the Large Arena, followed by the traditional sale on Thursday morning in the Small Arena.

**BRED GILT SALE** - The Bred Gilt Sale affords swine breeders an excellent opportunity to purchase champion animals to build and improve their herds. All eight breeds of swine will be judged in the Small Arena on Friday and sold on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

**BRUCE JOHNSON PRINTS** - Signed and numbered prints of the Pennsylvania Farm Show are available for sale at the novelty stands on a limited basis. Bruce Johnson, born in Allentown, has developed an artistic style all of his own called "Statements." He uses a wide variety of life situations to produce humorous pen and ink creations in his exclusive artistry.

**BUTTER SCULPTURE** - The Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Partners will present a lifesize butter sculpture depicting the relationship between Pennsylvania's dairy farmers and the success of U.S. military personnel during World War II. This is in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the allied invasion of Europe and the role our dairy farmers played in the development of a strong nation. This is the fifth year a hand-carved butter sculpture has been created in a refrigerated case in the front lobby.

**COLLECTIBLES** - The farm toy collectibles that became so popular during the last few Farm Shows have been commissioned again for sale in 1995 under the advance reservation system. This year's items are a

Winross truck honoring the commodity associations that participate in the Pennsylvania Food Court; an Ertle bank in the form of a 1931 Hawkeye stake truck loaded with sacks; and a limited edition 1/16th scale Oliver diesel tractor.

**COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS** - More than 325 commercial exhibitors feature the newest innovations in farm equipment, services and products. Allow yourself plenty of time to see this year's products and learn more about them from company representatives in the Main Exhibit Building, Northeast Building, North Building, Northwest Building and lower level of the Large Arena.

**COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS** - Nearly 5,000 competitive exhibits feature some of Pennsylvania's finest farm and home products. From hobbyist to full-time farm families, exhibitors always enter their best samples of corn and hay, maple syrup and honey, fruits and vegetables, nuts and grains, evergreen trees and tobacco, dressed poultry and wool. You'll also enjoy the creative talents Pennsylvanians exhibit in the family living department.

**COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS** - Cooking demonstrations will be featured in the Pennsylvania Food Pantry located in the West Lobby throughout most of the week. Student chefs from the Harrisburg Area Community College will take the West Lobby stage on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and students from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania will be on hand Tuesday and Wednesday. The young chefs will delight visitors with their culinary talents as they prepare recipes using Pennsylvania food products. They'll show you great ways to enhance your meals, with versatility a key ingredient.

**DAIRY CATTLE SHOW** - Nearly 600 head of dairy cattle took up residence at last year's Farm Show. As always, Tuesday is Dairy Day with judging of six breeds taking place in the Large Arena. Following the open shows, there will be a Parade of Champions of each of the six breeds. From this group, the judges will select a Supreme Champion of the Dairy Show, whose owner receives an additional \$1,000 premium and banner.

**DAIRY FUN NIGHT** - Showgoers will learn about the dairy industry during the fun-filled Tuesday evening program in the Small Arena. Co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program, the event pays tribute to the leading segment of our great agricultural industry with a variety of humorous contests and demonstrations.

**DAIRY GOAT SHOW** - This one-day doe show is sanctioned by the American Dairy Goat Association.

About 200 dairy goats are expected in the Large Arena on Thursday morning for judging competition, with six different breeds on display there throughout the day.

**DEMONSTRATIONS** - A wide variety of entertaining and informative demonstrations by the state's agricultural organizations have been scheduled for the stage area on the second floor of the Northeast Building. Thirty presentations will be conducted from Monday through Thursday in this show-and-tell exhibit area.

**EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS** - Federal and state government agencies, universities and agricultural organizations always offer Farm Show visitors valuable information on their services and activities. The Farm Show provides an excellent opportunity to talk with representatives of these groups and get firsthand information on a multitude of subjects.

**ENTRIES** - Nearly 10,000 entries are shown each year in 30 departments of competition and a comparable number are expected this year. The competition always includes a wide variety of activities for all age groups, from livestock and poultry shows, to commodity and school exhibits, to farm and home displays.

**FAMILY CORNER** - One acre of family living exhibits, lawn and garden exhibits and environmental exhibits are located in the Family Corner on the second floor of the Northeast Building. Show visitors can sample and buy food products from Pennsylvania companies all week in the Pennsylvania Food Market. In addition, visitors will be entertained Monday through Thursday by demonstrations given by statewide agricultural organizations.

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Furlong believes that the Polled Hereford Association has come a long way in promoting the breed and using the latest technology to help producers.

"Polled Herefords, as a breed, have made some tremendous changes in the last several years, as far as data that we're receiving from feedlot tests and so forth," said Furlong. Other breeds just can't compete with Polled Herefords in terms of feed efficiency and cutability, according to Furlong.

But it's the animals' ability to "turn grass and forages into meat" that impresses George Metzler. And the breed seems natural to the Salunga Acres operation.

"Polled Herefords just adapt to our whole operation better," he said.

"The breed as a whole is striving for a little better milking ability," said Furlong. He indicated it will be interesting when EPD information will be available, in the future, for all breeds. Making the comparison at not only the show level, but at the genetic level, will prove challenging and perhaps beneficial to producers.

Metzler was recently named the 1994 Outstanding Polled Hereford Breeder by the Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association. He was honored at the 72nd National Polled Hereford Convention in November in Kansas City, Mo.

Metzler is also a shipper, dealer, and broker of potatoes.

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*Scooper Bowl, Saturday, January 8, 11-5 p.m.  
Dairy Fun Night, Tuesday, January 10, 6-8 p.m.*