

Open House Pulls Large Crowd

BETHEL (Berks Co.) — Early in the week the number of visitors to Zimmerman's Farm Service, along School Road, was on track to have close to 1,000 people go through the dealership week-long open house for special discounts on parts and hardware. Refreshments were also served.

Carl Zimmerman said sales

have been good, and because equipment on the farm is generally getting older, equipment sales are expected to continue strong through the year. Zimmerman said that with 15 employees, their dealership is comparatively small, but the employees do a good job and that's what makes the business

grow.

Zimmerman also wanted to thank the customers as well,

because without customers, there is no business. Customers who bought a large enough order during

the week also qualified for discounts on items bought later in the year.



Counter service was brisk at Zimmerman's Farm Service during the week-long open house.

Safety Inspections Extended

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — The safety inspections of farm vehicles, weighing more than 17,000 pounds, was extended to March 6, according to an announcement by Bradley L. Malory, acting Pennsylvania Transportation secretary.

The deadline was Feb. 5, which was delayed one month at the request of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

"We appreciate the delay in the enforcement of this new law," said Keith W. Eckel, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau president. "The safety inspections apparently took the

farming community by surprise. Farm truck owners, attempting to get their vehicles in for inspections, ran into severe scheduling delays. The 30-day grace period will be a big help."

Legislation passed in December requires the heavier farm trucks and truck-tractors that carry biennial certificates of exemption to have the annual safety inspections. The legislation (Act 115) also increases the mileage radius for off-farm travel by all exempt farm trucks from 10 miles to 25 miles.

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