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Ag Progress Days Aug. 15-17

Take A 'Test Drive' Of New Products, Technology At Showcase Event

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Consider this year's Ag Progress your chance to take that big "test drive."

Representatives from five major tractor companies will be available at next week's Ag Progress Days to allow qualified drivers the chance to test-drive new vehicles as part of the "ride and drive"

demonstrations to be held in a 7½ acre segment of the research facility in Rockspring.

John Deere, Ford, Case IH, Agco-White, and Kubota representatives will be available at 1st

St. and Rt. 45 to allow riders to jump in and take that test drive of several new vehicles on display.

Actually, for many, Ag Progress can be considered a "test drive" of the new products and technology available to large- and small-scale farmers and ag commodity producers. Those who attend the free event can see for themselves how

Penn State research experts "test drive" new field, vegetable, and fruit commodities at the research sites as part of the daily tour program at Ag Progress.

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"Ag Progress places a lot of emphasis on commercial producers in the state," said Bob Oberheim, manager of the three-day event at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center, located nine miles southwest of State College on Route 45. The premier Penn State showcase event lasts from Tuesday, Aug. 15 through Thursday, Aug. 17. Ag Progress provides information not only for small- and large-scale producers, but for families and the average consumer.

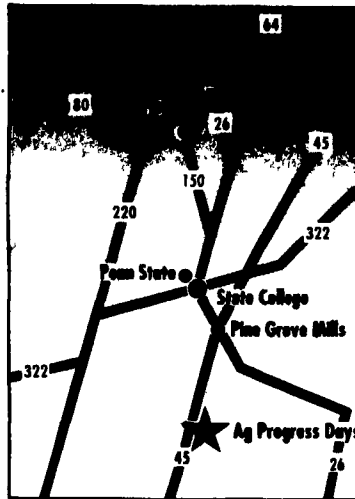
Snap Bean Planting Starts Countdown

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — "My goal has been to stay with traditional field demonstrations, but to incorporate new technology, new equipment or methods into new field demonstrations," says Bob Oberheim, director of Ag Progress Days. "We include traditional equipment such as tillage, hay, or cultivator implements. To diversify, we try to introduce a vegetable crop demo each year.

That's why these different brands of planters were invited to come plant snap beans last spring to begin the countdown to harvest, demonstrations next week. In a show that Oberheim says shows the diversification of agriculture in Pennsylvania, Hanover Foods' seeds were selected for the plots. Three precision planters were

demonstrated for population accuracy and spacing when planting snap beans. With the high cost of

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All roads lead to Ag Progress Days.

Experts Brief Ag Educators On Markets, Developing Public Policy

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READING (Berks Co.) — A group of people who in the course of their jobs educate the agricultural community met Tuesday at The Inn at Reading, in Reading, to discuss issues concerning the future

and present of agriculture. Under the auspice of sponsorship by the Southeastern Regional Council, the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative, and Penn State's Cooperative Business Education and Research Program, Ag Horizons VI Conference is an annual

conference of primarily dairy industry people.

Attendance at the all-day conference constituted credit for continuing education for those qualified. For all, it provides an opportunity to listen and discuss some apparently pertinent issues in

detail and candor.

The agenda for the sixth such gathering was split between a morning session devoted to exporting and breaking into the world market and an afternoon session that dealt with the role of educators in public policy.

Those attending the conference primarily included cooperative extension agents and high school

vocational agriculture teachers from around the state.

Also attending were representatives of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, the artificial insemination industry, dairy cooperatives, Pa. Department of Agriculture and lending institutions.

Alan Bair, manager of member

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Supreme champions at the Morrison Cove Dairy Show. From left, Jennifer Brumbaugh, Bedford County dairy princess; Aaron Gable with the Guernsey supreme champion; Rebecca Kelly with the Holstein reserve supreme champion; and Crystal Couch, Huntingdon County dairy princess.

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We're More Than You Think"

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