

Nineteen Pennsylvania Horse Farms To Have Open House

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Nineteen of Pennsylvania's professional stables will open their doors to the public for the fourth annual "Shurfine Pennsylvania Horse Farms Open House," to be held Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour is a chance for would-be equestrians to visit some of Pennsylvania's most beautiful horse farms, to learn about breeds, styles of riding, raising, caring for and training horses and to explore the many opportunities for getting involved with horses right in their own backyards. The tour, produced by *Pennsylvania Equestrian*, is free and self-guided and individuals travel from stable to stable in their own vehicles.

Maps to the 19 participating stables will be available throughout the month of March at Shurfine stores throughout eastern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. In addition, Shurfine customers can register to win one of more than 100 free introductory riding lessons, to be given at seven or more of the participating farms.

Among the participating farms are a nursery for orphan foals, nationally competitive show stables specializing in American Saddlebred, warmblood, Arabian and palomino horses, breeding stables with young foals, farms that breed, raise and train Paint horses,

relaxed, friendly boarding stables that feature trail riding for their boarding and lesson customers, and one of the premier therapeutic riding stables, which provides therapy on horseback for disabled children and adults.

With more than 174,000 horses, Pennsylvania ranks fifth in the nation in generation of income from the horse industry, and Pennsylvanians spend nearly two-thirds of a billion dollars a year on their horses. Most of that industry is clustered in the southeastern quadrant of the state, where the Open House is centered. Nine of the stables are located in Lancaster County, three in both Berks and Chester counties, and the remainder in Lehigh, Lebanon and Bucks counties.

Most stables will schedule demonstrations, including riding and show techniques, sample lessons, equine first aid, equine chiropractic and acupuncture, riding fashions, conformation, shoeing, foal imprinting and more. Many stables will have young foals on display. Visitors will be able to view horses offered for sale and stallions available for stud service.

A number of horse-related businesses will have displays at participating stables. In addition to learning about horses, visitors can learn about equine nutrition, supplements and feed, how to buy a

horse trailer, and other aspects of horse ownership and care.

The tour is free. For more information and directions to each of the stables, phone (717) 898-5874 or pick up a map at any Shurfine store.

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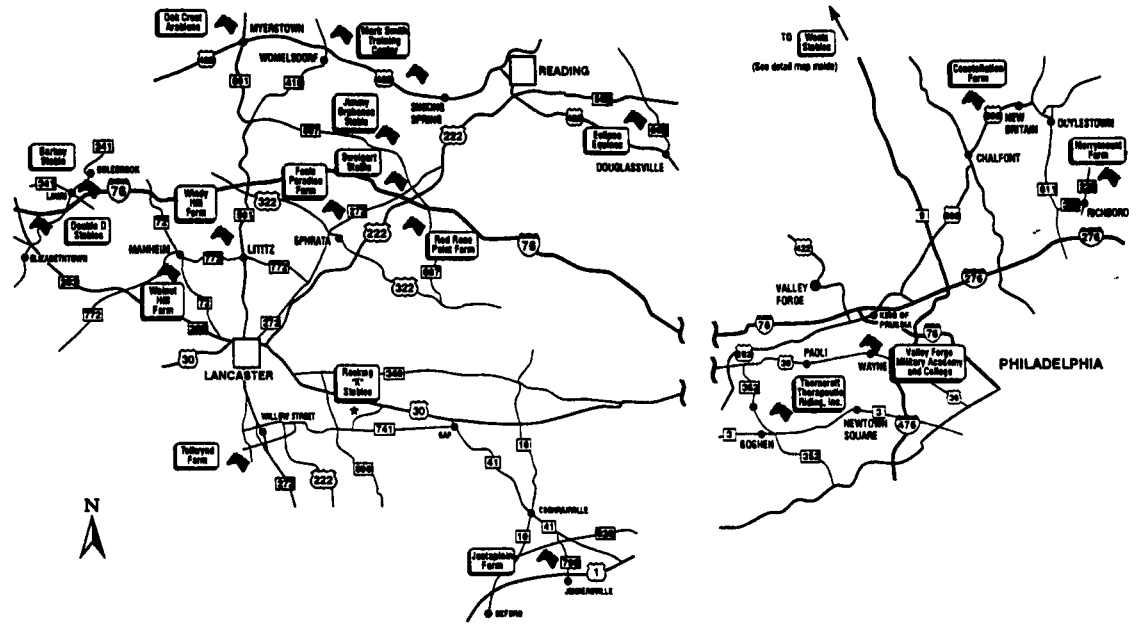
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WHAT: The Shurfine Pennsylvania Horse Farms Open House, produced by *Pennsylvania Equestrian*, is a free, self-guided tour of professional public stables. The Open House is a chance for current and would-be equestrians to visit some of the region's most beautiful horse farms and to explore the opportunities for horse ownership and participation in

equestrian sports available right in their own back yards. The tour is free and self-guided and individuals can tour one or all stables, traveling from barn to barn in their own vehicles.

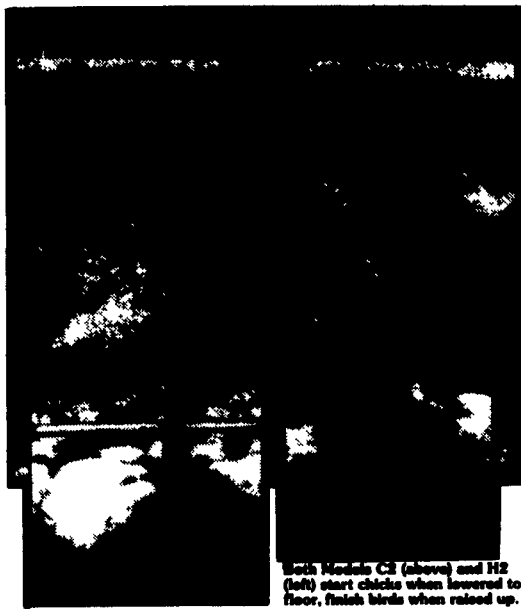
The southeastern quadrant of Pennsylvania is especially rich in quality equestrian facilities. The stables participating in the Open House are diverse in their activi-

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Visitors on the horse farm tour get to learn all about how to keep horses. In the photo at Jimmy Orphanos Stable, Reinholds, see the champion American Saddlebred horses.

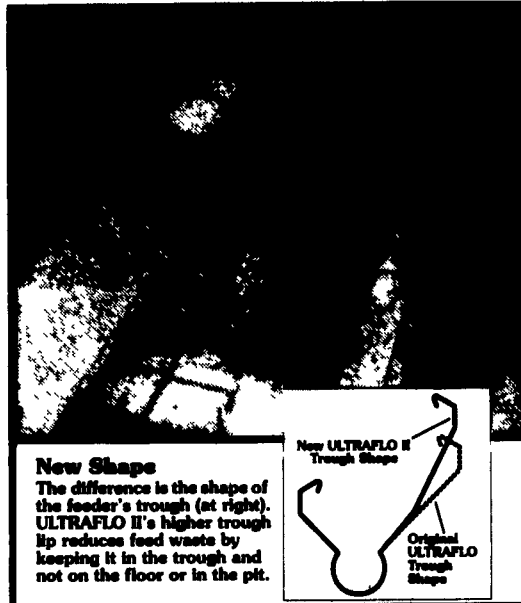
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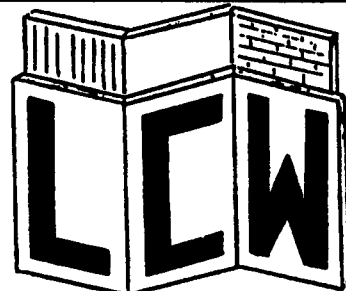
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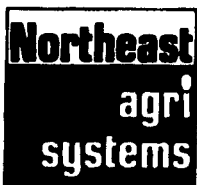
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