

Horses, Tribute To Skip Sioux At Ag Progress'

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — According to a recent study, Pennsylvania is home to some 170,000 horses, ponies and other equine animals, with an estimated value of about \$620 million. Some of

these magnificent animals will be featured at Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Aug. 13-15.

"The Ag Progress Days Equine Educational Program highlights

the-horse industry's contributions to Pennsylvania's agriculture and economy," said Pat Comerford, instructor in dairy and animal science and horse program coordina-

tor for Penn State Cooperative Extension. "It also showcases Penn State's teaching, extension, and youth programs."

This year's Ag Progress Days' equine events are dedicated to Skip Sioux, Penn State's longtime leading Quarter Horse sire.

The Equine Exhibits Tent will feature Penn State's Quarter Horses as well as teaching, 4-H, and therapeutic riding and driving programs. Other exhibits and demonstrations will include horse shoeing, horse production and management, breeds and miniature horses. Video presentations

will highlight equine education and careers and aspects of the commercial horse industry.

Special attractions and events are scheduled for the Ag Progress Days Horse Arena on all three days of the event.

A Haflinger breed clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Brian Egan, extension assistant in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, will conduct a horse handling clinic from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Egan will demonstrate techniques for working with horses two years old or younger.

On Wednesday, August 14, Paso Fino breed clinics will be held at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Horse Arena will feature "Horsin' Around — Fun and Safe Horseback Games," from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kathy Brown, manager of Ka-My Stables in Bellefonte, will conduct this session. Miniature horses from Foalie-A-Deux Farm also will be on display at the arena Wednesday afternoon.

From 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Centre County 4-H Horse Clubs will present a mounted flag presentation, and the Pennsylvania Quarter Horse Association will give a presentation on safety guidelines for working with horses. From 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., the event will feature breed clinics and demonstrations, a therapeutic riding exhibition, and a presentation by the Cumberland County 4-H Drill Team.

Draft breed clinics and demonstrations will be featured from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. At 6 p.m., events begin with a flag presentation from Centre County 4-H Horse Clubs, the Cumberland County 4-H Drill Team, and draft horse driving demonstrations. The evening program also will feature a special tribute to Skip Sioux.

On Thursday, Aug. 15, a horse handling clinic with Brian Egan will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A training clinic on competitive trail riding, featuring Patty Lambert, Mary Burns and Kim Bookhammer, will be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fencing options for horse facilities will be displayed and demonstrated throughout the event.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days features more than 500 acres of educational and commercial exhibits, tours and machinery demonstrations.

For more information, call (800) PSU-1010 toll-free from July 15 to Aug. 15.

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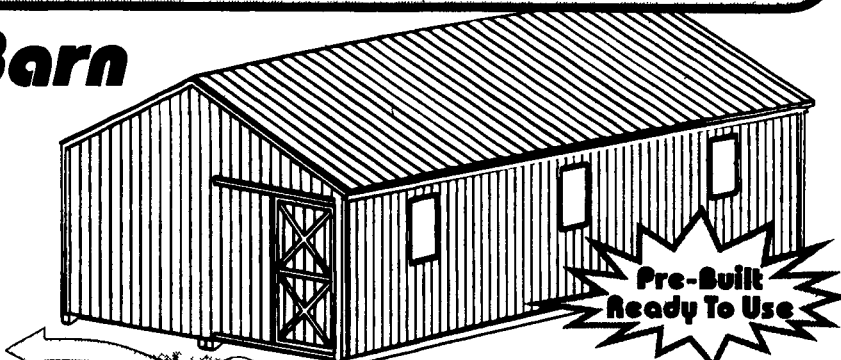
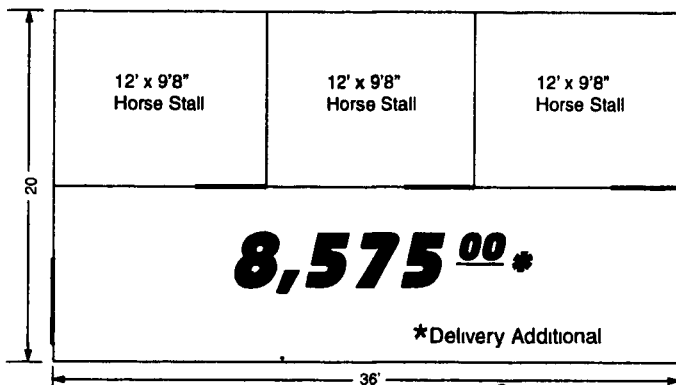
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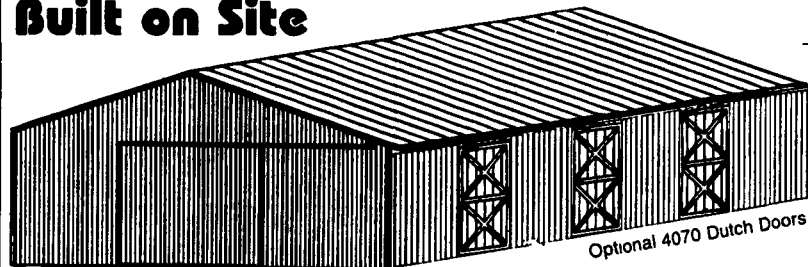
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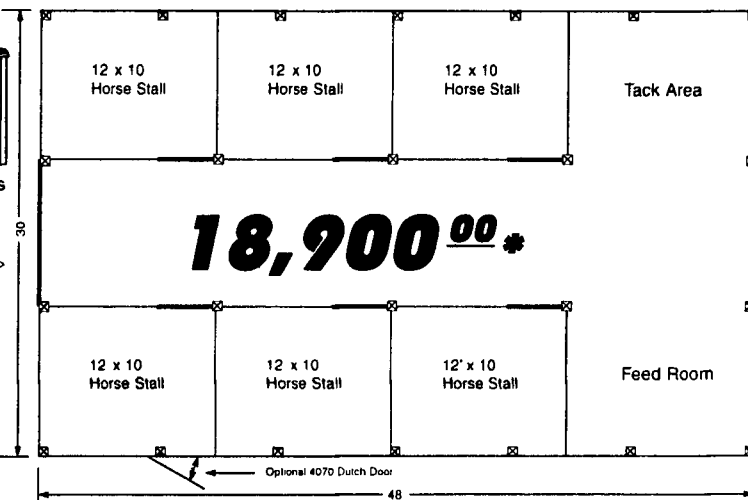
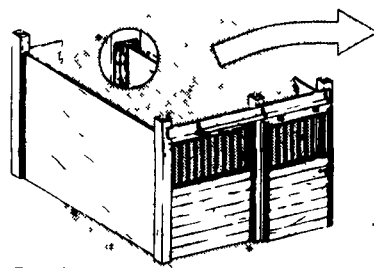
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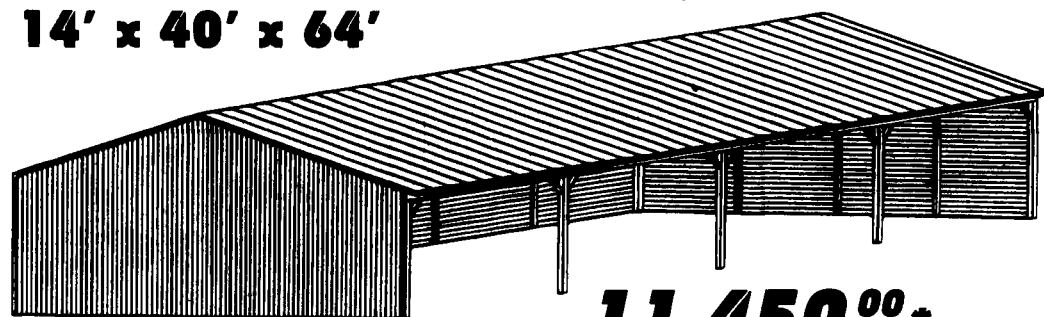
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