



Field demonstrations at Ag Progress Days provide a good place for farmers to see competing equipment of various makes working side by side. The more than 300 exhibitors with new machinery, products, and services

will again provide the backbone of the show to be held at Penn State's Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rockspring. The theme again this year is "Penn State Ag Sciences: We're More Than You Think!"

Latest Technology Awaits Visitors To Ag Progress

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Modern agriculture is a rapidly changing science. For today's producers to stay competitive, they must keep up with the latest technology and practices.

Visitors to Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Aug. 13-15, can find information on the latest equipment and cutting-edge techniques all in one convenient location, said Robert Oberheim, Ag Progress Days manager.

"Ag Progress Days is one-stop shopping for farmers," Oberheim said. "Here you can see and compare the latest machinery, goods and services from several different vendors in the space of a few hours. Back home, it might take days or weeks to get the same information."

More than 300 commercial exhibitors will set up displays at Ag Progress Days. Their wares range from tractors and other heavy ma-

chinery to seed, feed, fertilizer, insurance, consulting services, small power equipment, and many other products.

Those in the market for a new tractor also can test-drive some of the newest models at Ag Progress Days. A tractor ride-and-drive area will enable farmers to try out tractors from four leading farm equipment manufacturers as well as a "Hummer" vehicle.

Several field demonstrations will show the latest agricultural machinery in action. Visitors will see no-till tomato planting, including an evaluation of yields under different growing conditions; spring wheat combine harvesting; mowing; round silage baling; and round bale handling.

Machinery accidents are the leading cause of farm injuries and deaths. Another demonstration will feature remote-controlled

full-scale machinery being operated under typical conditions. By observing mishaps involving equipment, visitors will learn the causes and effects of machinery accidents and how to avoid them. Other exhibits will feature in-

formation and workshops on the latest research-based production techniques, government programs and regulations, and various educational initiatives, ranging from health and safety to protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information, call (800) PSU-1010 toll-free until August 15. Or, on the Internet, visit Ag Progress Days on the World Wide Web: <http://www.cas.psu.edu/docs/CASHOME/APD/APD.HTML>.



The Pennsylvania State Hay Show is part of Ag Progress Days.

Information To Make Your Visit To Ag Progress Days Profitable

Machinery Demonstrations

More than \$20 million worth of machinery is on display at Ag Progress Days. This is your chance to see what it can do. Penn State faculty will be on hand to answer questions. See the program guide map for locations. Times and locations of all demonstrations are subject to change due to weather conditions.

11:00 a.m. Mowing — Mower conditioners; performed in alfalfa.

12:00 noon No-Till Tomato Planting — See a no-till planter in action and compare yields under five sets of growing conditions.

1:00 p.m. Round Silage Baling — Alfalfa mowed the previous day will be baled.

2:00 p.m. Round Bale Handling, Bagging and/or Wrapping.

3:00 p.m. Spring Wheat Combine Harvesting.

Tractor Ride-and-Drive

Between 1st Street and Route 45

In the market for a new tractor? It's one-stop shopping as you hop on and test drive the latest models from four leading farm equipment manufacturers. You also can take a "Hummer" vehicle for a spin! Times are 11:00 to 4:00 Tuesday and Thursday, and 11:00 to 5:00 on Wednesday. Operators must be at least 18 years of age and sign a waiver of liability. Manufacturers will screen operators for eligibility.

General Information

• **Public pay telephones** are located on Main Street near the Information Booth, and at Main and E. Fifth Street.

• **A first aid station**, with an ambulance staffed by emergency medical technicians, is located in the farmhouse at the top of Main Street.

• **Lost and found** items are kept at the Information Booth.

• **Sales, solicitations and overnight parking**, including campers, are prohibited at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center.

• **Disclaimer:** Machinery, equipment, products and services provided are for educational purposes. Their presence does not imply endorsement or recommendations by Penn State.

• **Future Dates:** Tentative dates for Ag Progress Days 1997 are August 12, 13 and 14.

What's New For '96

• Pennsylvania Food System Exhibits

Through interactive displays, learn how our food travels from farm to fork (see College of Agricultural Sciences Exhibit Building and Theatre).

• No-Till Tomato Planting Demonstration

See how state-of-the-art conservation planting affects tomato yields (see Machinery Demonstrations).

• Combine Harvesting Demonstration

Watch as the latest harvesting equipment makes quick work of spring wheat (see Machinery Demonstrations).

• SciQ Junior

Have fun and test your knowledge in a special kids' edition of the popular TV-style quiz show (see College of Agricultural Sciences Exhibit Building and Theatre).

• Health and Safety Education Tent

Learn about cancer prevention, pesticide safety, nutrition, working with disabilities and more (see Buildings, Tents and Exhibits).

Buildings, Tents and Exhibits

Information Booth

Main Street, at the top of the hill

Questions? Whether you're trying to find an exhibitor, a

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