

81st Pennsylvania Farm Show Daily Features And Special Attraction

ANIMALS ON DISPLAY - Over 5,000 head of sheep, swine, horses, cattle, goats, poultry and rabbits are expected for competition. Always in the limelight, our livestock shows and sales attract exhibitors and visitors from all corners of the commonwealth.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS - Farm Show is a great place for agricultural associations to conduct their annual meetings and seminars since so many members are already attending or participating in the show.

BEEF CATTLE - Charolais judging is scheduled for Sunday, with the Angus, Limousin, Polled Hereford and Simmental judging set for Monday. A supreme champion cow and bull will be selected from nearly 500 entries on Monday afternoon. The junior steer classes are judged on Wednesday in the Large Arena, followed by Thursday's Junior Livestock Sale in the Small Arena.

BID CALLING CONTEST - Members of the Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association will participate in a Bid Calling Contest on Wednesday evening in the Family Corner. A variety of goods and commodities will be auctioned during this entertaining event.

BRED GILT SHOW & SALE - The largest bred gilt show in American gets underway Friday morning in the Small Arena. Saturday morning's sale, conducted by the Cooperative Swine Breeders, affords farmers an excellent opportunity to purchase champion animals to build and improve their herds. The supreme champion gilt is crowned prior to the start of the sale.

BUTTER SCULPTURE - The Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program will sponsor another life-size butter sculpture. This unique feature attraction will now be found in the Food Court in the orange East Building.

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State Ag Secretary Advises On Fuel Regs

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius advises consumers to be cautious when purchasing firewood and coal as winter approaches.

"Consumers should be aware that the amount of firewood or coal they are buying must conform to a specific measurement standard," Brosius said. "Firewood must be sold by the cord, or some fraction thereof. Deliveries of coal must be accompanied by an approved solid fuel weight slip."

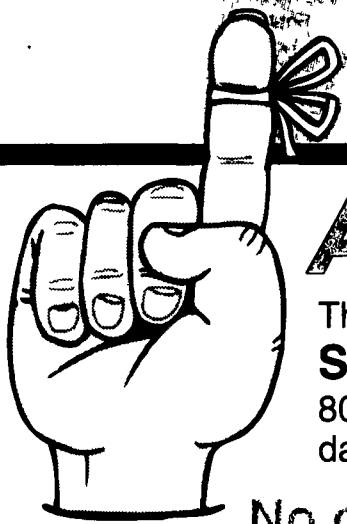
A cord of firewood must equal 128 cubic feet. For example, a neatly stacked rack of firewood measuring four feet high, four feet deep, and eight feet long would measure 128 cubic feet, thus constituting a cord. One-half cord would measure 64 cubic feet.

Suppliers of firewood must provide buyers with an invoice listing the full name and address of the supplier, along with the amount paid. Small bundles of firewood sold at campgrounds or retail stores must be sold by the cubic foot. Invoices are not required for these sales.

Likewise, the person delivering coal should supply the buyer with an approved solid fuel weight slip for each load or partial load.

In the purchase of either fuel or firewood, it is best to purchase from suppliers who are known to the consumer. Retaining the receipt will help if there is a problem.

The department's Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards is responsible for the regulation of quantity in firewood and coal sales. For more information about the sale of firewood or to register a complaint against a supplier, contact the bureau at 2310 North Cameron St., Harrisburg PA 17110-9408, (717) 787-9089.



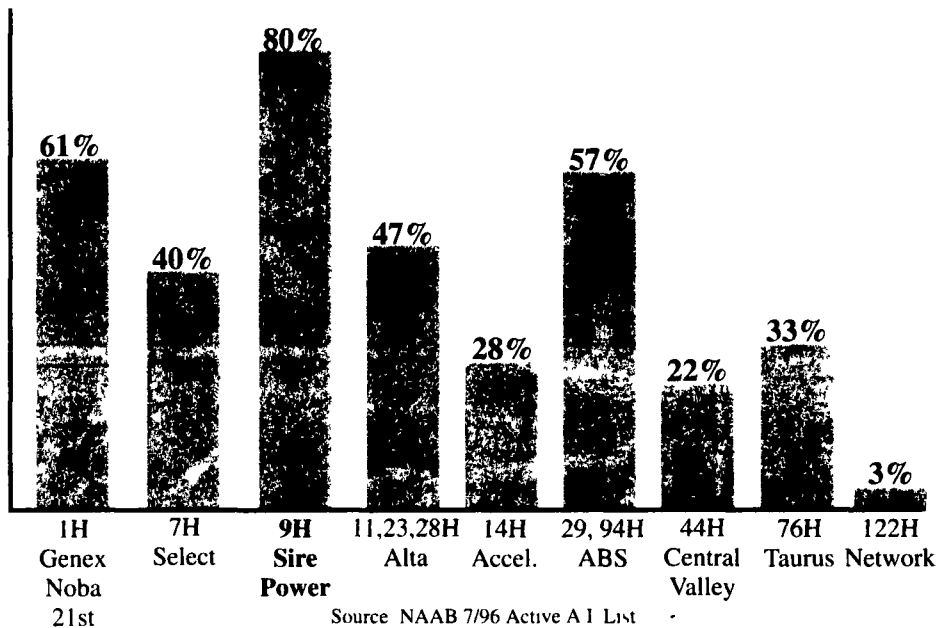
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