

# Open Invitation To Farm Show

**81st PENNSYLVANIA STATE FARM SHOW**  
 January 11-16, 1997  
 Farm Show Complex  
 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**Dear Friends of Agriculture:**

I am pleased to extend this personal invitation to you and your family to attend the 1997 Pennsylvania State Farm Show, January 11-16 in Harrisburg. This is truly a family show, one that's enjoyable and educational for our exhibitors and visitors alike.

The Farm Show pays tribute to the fine men and women from Pennsylvania's 50,000 farms who provide essential food and fiber products to our neighbors around the world. It showcases their achievements and affords them a wonderful opportunity to share their livelihood with consumers on the other end of the food chain. The Farm Show allows farmers, producers and agribusiness to see what advancements the industry has made each year and to plan for their future.

Thousands of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, horses, goats, rabbits and poultry are in the limelight of competition and sales throughout Farm Show

week. Three hundred commercial exhibitors feature their newest innovations in farm equipment, services and products. Daily entertainment is featured in the large and small arenas, with rodeos, horse and pony pulling contest, draft horse hitched competition, a folk dance festival, and a sheep to shawl contest. A variety of informative demonstrations are held throughout the week in the Family Corner.

Good food has long been a part of the Farm Show tradition and we now have 11 associations in the Food Court, serving up tons of delicious food all week long. You can buy processed food products from a variety of companies in the Pennsylvania Food Market. Cooking demonstrations take place all week in the Food Pantry, using many of the wonderful foods produced or processed here in the Keystone State.

The Farm Show offers the opportunity to recognize and reward the hard work and creativity of our farm families, and to highlight the advances in technology which make our farmers and business the most productive in the world. Please make plans to join us during Farm Show Week.

Truly yours,  
**Charles C. Brosius**  
 Secretary of Agriculture

## Bulletin Provides Forage Preservation Info

**EBENSBURG (Cambria Co.)** — Forage crops — legumes, grasses, and corn silage — form the basis of the nutritional programs on dairy, beef, and sheep farms. From the moment that crops are cut until they are delivered to animals, biological processes take place that decrease their quantity and nutritional quality as feeds. Silage and Hay Preservation, NRAES-5, provides a wealth of practical information and scientific backgrounds on management forage preservation to reduce losses and quality changes. Proper management results in more efficient production and greater farm profits.

The 53-page bulletin is divided into three sections: The Biology of Silage Preservation, Preservation of Hay, and Additives for Silage and Hay Preservation. In the first two sections, the processes that affect forage quality are described, and management prac-

tices to control these processes are discussed. The additives section described their impact on forage preservation and includes a frank assessment of the usefulness of eight categories of additives.

Silage and Hay Preservation, NRAES-5, was written by R.E. Pitts, a professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Cornell University.

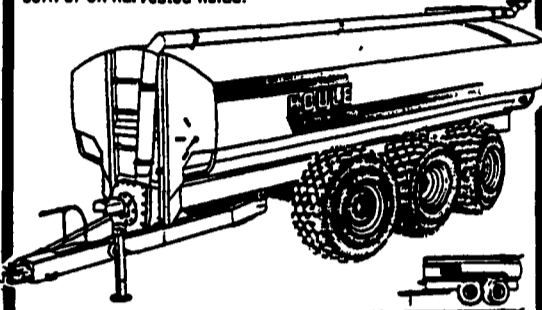
Silage and Hay Preservation, NRAES-5, is available for \$8 from the Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service (NRAES), Cooperative Extension Publications Distribution Center, Penn State University, 112 Agriculture Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802-2602. Postage and handling are included for U.S. orders only. Make check payable to Penn State University. For more information call (814) 865-6713 or write for a free publication catalog.

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