

Gov. Glendening

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Part of the crowd of more than 200 farmers and agribusiness people assemble for field demonstrations.



Big machines do their thing.



An aerial cover crop seeding demonstration concluded the eventful day.



Gov. Glendening speaks to the crowd.

while other areas are a disaster. We are requesting the disaster declaration so we can get emergency loans and other federal disaster assistance in the areas that need it. We are doing this on an accelerated basis, not waiting to name the exact areas of need. Then we will work with the county agents to determine the exact needs of each county.

"As we continue to work together, we have to make sure people understand the important

role of agriculture in the state," Glendening said. "We need to be aggressive and market agriculture like a business and make sure that while we are environmentally sensitive, we don't over-regulate and undo the good the farm community has done on a voluntary basis. I am excited to work with you. Maryland remains an agricultural growth community, and we want to make sure it stays that way."

The Ag Showcase Day at the fair is in its 17th year. David Wilson, Cecil County agricultural agent, said planning begins early in the year with a committee of agribusiness representatives and farmers. They plan for what is most important to farmers and what the dealers want to show. Crops are planted in the spring to accommodate the harvesting operations, and equipment of various makes and sizes are brought in for the day to give farmers an opportunity to test drive and see the equipment working side by side.

Demonstrations this year included both wet and dry hay baling, summer grasses and soybean weed control, hay bale processing, and a tractor drive. The equipment dealers giving demonstrations included Ag Industrial, Rising Sun; Hooper Equipment, Middletown, Delaware; Coopers Enterprises, Cecilton; and Benjamin Haines, Rising Sun.

Sponsors included Ag Industrial; Hoffman Seeds; Pioneer; Southern States; Monsanto; Cecil County Weed Control; Farm Credit; Southern States; Wayne Wright, and Compass Quarries.

An aerial seeding demonstration was given as part of the environmental cover crop program for Maryland.



Lewis Riley, Maryland's secretary of agriculture, introduces the governor.



Cecil County Ag Agent David Wilson, left, chats with Maryland's Gov. Parris Glendening.

Public Notice By Pork Producers Council

The election of pork producer delegate candidates for the 1998 National Pork Producers (Pork Act) Delegate Body will take place at 7:30 p.m., August 21, 1997 in conjunction with a Board of Directors meeting of Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council in the Conference Room of the Pa. Dept. of Ag. Region VI office in Summerdale, PA. All Pennsylvania

pork producers are invited to attend.

Any producer, who is a resident of the state and has paid all assessments due may be considered as a delegate candidate and participate in the election. For more information, contact the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, 1631 Grim Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530. Telephone 610-285-6519.