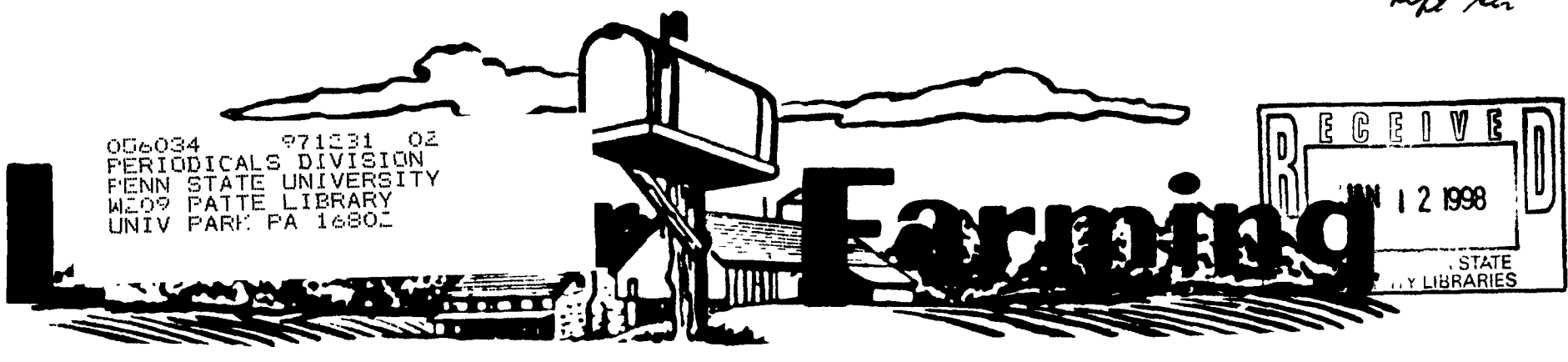


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No Agricultural Event Compares To Farm Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Open to the public tomorrow (Jan. 10), the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg has been perceived and described in many different ways over its 82 years. However, there is no other agricultural exhibition that matches it, according to Dennis Grumbine, its director.

“Where else on earth can you take a family and spend the day enjoying as educational a show as this, free of charge?
“It costs a lot more to take the family to a movie, and that only lasts three hours.”
Grumbine, a long time Farm Show exhibitor, supporter and member of the Farm Show Commission, may be biased in his assessment, but the facts are not. Fact: No other show in the world provides Pennsylvania with the opportunity to promote its multi-dimensional agricultural industry,

as well as being able to provide accurate, non-misleading public education of the industry. Fact: No other show promoting Pennsylvania production and agribusiness attracts such a diverse audience from so many different lifestyles and regions of the world. Fact: No other Pennsylvania show provides a forum for farmer and non-farmer to learn, observe, and to walk away with a better understanding of the immensity, diversity and importance of Pen-

sylvania’s agrarian and entrepreneurial enterprises. For the agribusiness industry (covers all commodities, processed foods and services), what it means is that Pennsylvania products are promoted to both potential in- and out-of-state buyers. Most of the other special-interest shows held throughout the

year target sales to in-state farmers and agribusiness people. That is not bad, but the difference is that the Farm Show promotions are designed to help increase in-state income and profitability by increasing sales income. For the production farmer, what it means is the ability to learn about
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Shawn, left, and Matthew Beam, Elverson, plan to make great strides at their first Farm Show. Matthew, 12, is in the sixth grade at Conestoga Christian School in Morgantown. Brother Shawn, 9, is in the third grade at the school. Matthew and Shawn are taking two York/Hampshire crossbred hogs, with genetics obtained by their cousin Nelson Beam, Elverson and uncle Brian Beam, Lebanon, to the Farm Show. See story page A22. Photo by Andy Andrews



David Semmel, archivist, talks about his first visit to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in 1932. As a 6-year-old, Semmel couldn’t resist taking a lick from an ice cream cone that a vendor held out to entice visitors to buy. To learn more about farm show visits, and Semmel and his wife Mary who live in Slatington, turn to page B14. Photo by Lou Ann Good.



Walnut Hill Logic Cathy, last year’s supreme champion, still looking her EX95 points at home in her work clothes. She is surrounded by her friends, from left, Lynn Neer, Delmar and Larry Zimmerman, and Paul Neer at the halter. See story page A21. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

Here’s The Annual Farm Show Issue

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Again the Pennsylvania Farm Show promises to be the premier winter event for farmers and exhibitors who make their living in the business of agriculture. Of course, it’s a fun time to meet friends and neighbors or show off the homestead’s best livestock, produce, or crafts. In recent years, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has invited foreign buyers interested in machinery and products to attend the Farm Show.

This issue of *Lancaster Farming* is dedicated to the Farm Show that runs from January 10 to 15. We have meeting schedules and times for livestock, crop, home and youth exhibitions. We also have numerous on-farm interviews with families who enjoy bringing their prize exhibits to the Farm Show. Advertising messages and the building layouts will help you to find the products, services, and events you want to explore.

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