

Pesticide Recertification Meeting Information Available

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Penn State's Office of Pesticide Education offers three new services to help certified pesticide applicators locate open meetings approved for recertification credits.

"Many times, county extension offices and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture offices are overwhelmed by phone calls from applicators seeking information," said Winand Hock, professor of plant pathology and director of the Pesticide Education Office. "These new services will allow applicators to get up-to-date information at a central source."

Hock said the Pesticide Education Program Web site features a search engine that will locate open meetings in any of the seven Department of Agriculture regions. The Internet address for the Web site is <http://www.pested.psu.edu>.

"You can find out when and where core and category pesticide recertification meetings are being held and when pesticide applicator certification examinations will be held," Hock said.

Another service is a toll-free phone line: 1-800-Penn-IPM (736-6476). Callers must use a touch-tone phone. Listen for the voice prompt and push "1" for

pesticide information. Callers are prompted to select one of seven regions and select a category of pesticide certification. Core programs are selected by pushing "00." All others are listed "1" through "25." "Check your certification card for the categories you need," Hock said.

A listing of all meetings within a category will be read in alphabetical order by county and date. Each announcement will include county, date, number of credits and contact phone number.

Penn State also offers a FAX-BACK system, which provides callers with a printed list of all open meetings approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Callers should use the phone on their fax machine and call (814) 865-1636. A voice prompt will welcome you to the Penn State Fax-on-Demand System. Press "1" for Pesticide Information. Another prompt asks you to select a region number from "1" through "7." If you are interested in out-of-state meetings or correspondence courses, push "8." After entering your choice, the prompt will ask you to press the "Start" button on the fax machine, and the information you requested will be faxed to you.

Ag Progress Days Dates Announced

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Computers and satellites have long played a central role in the aerospace and defense industries. But in the last several years, these technologies have found their way into many other business and government applications, including agriculture.

Exhibits and demonstrations featuring global positioning systems (GPS), geographic information systems (GIS) and related technologies will be among new activities at Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Aug. 18-20. Visitors will be able to see firsthand how farmers, environmental professionals and local government agencies are using these systems for a variety of purposes, said Ag Progress Days manager Bob Oberheim.

"With satellite data and on-board computers in tractors, farmers often can plant more efficiently and optimize fertilizer and pesticide applications," Oberheim said. "But these precision technologies also are used in land-use planning, emergency 911 systems and water resource management, to name a few applications." Penn State faculty and staff will be on hand with exhibits showcasing the latest GPS and GIS programs.

Other new attractions at this year's event include a new animal agriculture facility that will house expanded animal and livestock exhibits. In addition, a new animal demonstration tent will be the site of a youth lamb show and "Skill-a-thon."

Oberheim said new field machinery demonstrations will in-

clude combine harvesting, sweet corn harvesting and corn chopping. Returning demonstrations include hay mowing, baling, round bale handling and the popular tractor "ride-and-drive" area.

Other exhibits, tours and workshops will feature the latest research and information on crops and soils, dairy and livestock production, integrated pest management, farm safety, conservation practices and woodlot management. More than 300 commercial and noncommercial exhibitors also will be on hand to display the newest goods and services.

In addition, a variety of family and consumer-oriented attractions are planned, including family living exhibits and demonstrations, cut flower beds and exhibits, storytelling, horse exhibitions, an insect zoo, live animal displays, lawn and garden advice, antique exhibits and SciQ, a TV-style game show.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days features more than 500 acres of educational and commercial exhibits, tours and machinery demonstrations. It is held at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rockspring, nine miles southwest of State College on Route 45. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, with extended hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call (800) PSU-1010 toll-free from July 13 to Aug. 20 or visit the Ag Progress Days site on the World Wide Web at <http://apd.cas.psu.edu>.

Antique Tractor, Equipment

Show July 10-12

GILBERT (Monroe Co.) — The Pocono Old-Tyme Farm Equipment Association presents the 3rd Annual Antique Tractor, Gas Engine, and Farm Equipment Show here at West End Fairgrounds on Friday, July 10 - Sunday, July 12. Show hours are Friday noon until dusk and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. until dusk. There is an admission charge of \$1 per person and 12 years old and under free with an adult.

Scheduled entertainment includes Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. "The Hawks" band and Saturday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. "McWilliams Bros." band.

Scheduled events on Friday include kids' activities all day, 5 p.m. tractor parade and 8 p.m. Old Tyme Cake Walk. On Saturday

there will be at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. grain threshing machine demonstrations, noon tractor parade, 2 p.m. Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull (weight class is 35 pounds to 100 pounds with the tractors provided by the Pocono Old-Tyme Farm Equipment Association); 4:30 p.m. Kids' Treasure Hunt; and 5 p.m. Adult Pedal Pull.

To compete in the Antique Farm Tractor Pull on Saturday at 1 p.m., you must register on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and are required to be 16 years or older and you may use your own antique tractor that was built up until 1960 (do note that modified tractors are not allowed). A \$10 registration fee is required. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners, plus cash for the 1st and second place winners only.

Scheduled activities on Sunday include 10 a.m. Open Air Church Services for all faiths; noon Tractor Parade, starting at 1 p.m. Tractor Driving Skill Competition; 2 p.m. Kids' Pedal Tractor Pull; 3 p.m. Adult Pedal Tractor Pull; and 4 p.m. raffle ticket drawing. The Tractor Driving Skill Competition will be held in the grandstand area and includes the following competitions: Blind Race (whereas you drive your tractor blindfolded); Wagon Backing (whereas you back up your tractor to a hay wagon); Slow Race (whereas you drive the tractor as slow as possible); and a Hot Dog Race (whereas the first tractor driver who bites off part of the raw hot dog that is hanging in midair, without taking their hands off the steering wheel of the tractor, wins).

The event will also feature a Craft Show and Flea Market all three days. Vendor spaces are \$10 for a 10-foot frontage. To register call (610) 681-5419 or (717) 992-7328.

Other daily demonstrations scheduled include corn meal grinding, feed grinders, and gas engines. The show will also include farm toy collections, displays of Ertl toys, model farm displays and equipment display.

For more information, call (610) 681-5419.

Boar, Ram Testing Under Way

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Meat Animal Evaluation Center has announced the annual boar performance testing program and the ram performance testing programs are under way.

Nineteen boar pens are being utilized. This group of boars consists of 48 Yorkshires, 12 Durocs, four Hampshires, four Berkshires, four Landrace, and four Duroc x Hampshire crossbreds.

These boars are growing well. Two of the pens have already attained a pen average of 230 pounds and have officially concluded their testing periods.

The boars that have concluded their test have been scanned with real-time ultrasound. These early results indicate that Penn State will have boars exhibiting record-breaking growth, boars with exceptional muscle, and some very lean boars.

The university is preparing for the 23rd annual performance tested boar sale scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 6 p.m. in the Ag Arena on the campus of Penn State. This sale is again scheduled to coincide with Ag Progress Days.

The 69 rams on test were just weighed for their 42-day weight. So far, the rams are gaining well. The rams will remain on test for another 42 days and then final weights will be taken. The rams then will have their breeding soundness and structural correctness evaluated and will be scanned ultrasonically to determine fat thickness and loin-eye area and have their final indexes calculated.

The Performance Tested Ram Sale is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m., in the Ag Arena on the campus of Penn State.

There is a full day's activities planned for Aug. 1. In addition to the Performance Tested Ram Sale and the Invitational Ewe Sale, the Sheep Producers Field Day Committee, consisting of Dirk Wise, Joanne Evans, Dick Kuzemchak, Bob Calvert, and Don Hunter are working on a tremendous program.

Commercial trade show vendors are also planning to be on hand to exhibit their products and services.

BUY SELL TRADE OR RENT THROUGH THE
CLASSIFIED ADS
PHONE 717 826 1164 or 717 394 3047
FAX 717 733 6058
Mon Tues Wed Fri 8 AM to 5 PM Thurs 7 AM to 5 PM

1a CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

125C Int track loader, low hours, excellent condition, \$9,500 OBO. (215)598-3528.

175 Int. track loader, fair condition, \$5750 OBO; 3-5 ton Galion roller, motor overhauled, paid \$1800, sell for \$1200 OBO; Fence, chain-link, 8' +gates, \$400 obo. 610/921-8246 NO calls after 8pm.

1988 JD 455G crawler loader, excellent condition, \$29,000. (301) 371-5500.

1989 John Deere 590D excavator, best offer! 717-384-3901 Columbia Co.

1990 Case 580K, 4WD, cab, E-stick, 4n1 bucket, auxillary hydraulics, VG condition, \$27,500. (301)371-5500.

1997 D125 Case backhoe attachment, only has total use of 3-days, looks & runs like new, \$6,500. 717-252-2974

205 CAT track hoe, 1988, good condition, \$29,500. (610)273-2946.

75 CAT 966-C EROPS 4,500 hrs. 23.5-25 tires. Balderson quick-detach/release in Cab, G.P./Forks, 2 Owners, \$33,500. 410-893-2405.

'80 Fiat Allis, FL10C crawler, 2-yard bucket, excellent U/C, OROPS, excellent shape, \$17,000. 610-286-8839

'87 JCB 1400B 4WD backhoe, 3500 hrs., cab, ready to work, \$18,000. 610-286-8839

'97 LX885 NH skid loader, excellent condition, 84" bucket, 48" forks. WANT: Mack trucks whole or parts. (814)684-4457.

Ford 655C, 4x4, TLB, \$19,900. Case 1155D crawler loader, 4600 hrs., \$28,000. 1971 Rodgers 20-ton tiltbed trailer, \$4000. All good condition. 717-386-2945

Ford Major diesel backhoe, good shape, \$4,500. 9' power rake, \$1,500. NH baler \$650. (215)885-1032.

Forklift Wholesalers 2000 to 92000 Lb. Lifts Available. 70 in Stock. Sale-Rental-Finance w/ Warranty. Chalk Equipment. (410)686-6800.

Gradall 471 Detroit, 3 buckets, works great, old but very good, price reduced to \$9,000 negotiable. (814)674-8756.

HD21 AC for sale, also one for parts. 410/692-5042.

PERRY COUNTY RECYCLING CORPORATION

ASPHALT DRIVEWAYS - RECYCLED ASPHALT

We Deliver ANYWHERE! Call for Rates. Eliminate ALL Dust & Mud Problems in your Driveway by using our Recycled Asphalt Products. Very Reasonably Priced. Good for use in Farmers Driveways, Barn Yards, Parking Lots, Camp Roads, Mountain Driveways. WILL NOT WASH AWAY! DER APPROVED. Call for more Details & more info.

(717) 567-6782

MILK AMERICA'S HEALTH KICK