

Horses And Their Contributions Featured At Ag Progress Days

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — They may not pull many carriages any more, but horses and related industries represent \$4 billion to Pennsylvania agriculture — and they will bring excitement and fun to Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Aug. 18-20.

The Equine Educational Program presents a wide range of exhibits and activities to highlight the many ways that horses can contribute to the economy and culture of the Commonwealth, according to Pat Comerford, horse program coordinator for Penn State Cooperative Extension.

"We'd like to give people an understanding of the scope and diversity of the horse industry, and showcase Penn State's teaching, extension and youth programs," she said. "This year, we also will introduce Penn State administrators to the horse community and present several horse breeds from the United States and other countries."

The Equine Educational Program will feature demon-

strations and clinics in the Horse Arena on Main Street at the Ag Progress Days site. On Tuesday, Aug. 18, a clinic called techniques for "Handling the Young Horse" will be offered. Several breed clinics will feature the history, special characteristics and uses of various equine breeds.

On Wednesday, Aug. 19, Penn State Equine Extension Assistant Brian Egan will demonstrate techniques for working with young horses and youth. Breed and Therapeutic riding demonstrations will occur throughout the day. Miniature horses from Foalie-a-Deux Farm also will be on display, along with other breeds. Industry representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

A highlight of the Wednesday afternoon activities will be "taking the Lead," a riding and equestrian skill class, with several special "pupils": Penn State President Graham Spanier, College of Agricultural Sciences Dean Robert Steele, and Department of Dairy and Animal Science Head Terry

Etherton.

"It'll be a lot of fun — with a few surprises, too," Comerford says. "Our administrators are being really good sports to participate. We'll give them some simple lessons and exercises in horsemanship, while introducing them to the horse community. Spectators will get a chance to appreciate what it takes to ride a horse — without actually being in the saddle."

The Wednesday evening program will feature a 4-H mounted flag presentation, draft horse clinics and draft horse driving demonstrations. Thursday will bring demonstrations from the Lion Country Pony Club, the Standardbred Retirement and Adoption Association, the International Trotting and Pacing Association, and the Keystone Dressage Demonstration and Drill Team.

During the entire Ag Progress Days event, the Equine Exhibits Area will feature displays on equine management, housing and facilities and Penn State's undergraduate education and extension programs.

Penn State Ag

PROGRESS
1998

Exhibits also will focus on breed and youth organizations, therapeutic riding, feed, tack, equipment and other aspects of the commercial horse industry.

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

Rock Springs, 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 until August 20 or visit the Ag Progress Days site on the World Wide Web at <http://apd.cas.psu.edu>.

**BUY,
SELL,
TRADE
OR
RENT
THROUGH
THE
CLASSIFIED
ADS
IN
Lancaster
Farming**

**PHONE
717-626-1164
OR
717-394-3047**

**FAX
717-733-6058**



**Mon., Tues.,
Wed., Fri.
8 AM to 5 PM
Thurs.
7 AM to 5 PM**



Big Baler Features



The New Idea® 4844 and 4845 Round Balers.

Want the same features as the larger New Idea round balers? Then check out the big features on the New Idea 4844 (4'x4') and 4845 (4'x5') round balers. Like big balers, an open-throat design gives you efficient hay pickup and faster bale starts. The optional hydraulic-drive pickup maximizes crop flow and gentle crop movement.

The New Idea fixed chamber design creates a dense outer shell around a soft breathable inner core. Wide, endless belts handle leaves and other material gently, so more nutritious leaves end up in the bale.

Visit your AGCO® New Idea dealer today to discover the difference the 4844 and 4845 can make on your baling and on your budget.



NEW IDEA®

BUILT FOR THE BOTTOM LINE

**See The
AGCO NEW IDEA
4844 Baler at
AG PROGRESS DAYS
on East 1st Street**

**See Your
AGCO -
New Idea
Dealer Listed
Below.**

Delaware
Georgetown
Baxter Farms

Maryland
Dayton
J.D. Mullinix

Pennsylvania
Bechtelsville
Miller Equipment

Bethel
Zimmerman's Farm Service

Bloomsburg
William F. Welliver

Carlisle
Carlisle Farm Service

Chambersburg
Chambersburg Farm Service

Cochranville
Stoltzfus Farm Service

Cresson
Hines Equipment

Glen Rock
Wertz Farm & Power Equip

Greencastle
Meyers Implements

Klingerstown
Stanley's Farm Service

Lebanon
Umbergers of Fontana

Mercer
Ralph W. Kyle

Mifflinburg
B. S&B Repair

Oakland Mills
Peoples Sales & Service

Quakertown
C. J. Wonsidler

Quarryville
A. L. Herr

Somerset
Lincoln Supply