

# Lancaster County Tobacco Show Tuesday

**LANCASTER** (Lancaster Co.) — The 1999 Annual Lancaster County Tobacco Show is set Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center.

The show will have classes for vocational agriculture students and for other tobacco growers.

Vocational agriculture students who have tobacco they would like to exhibit may enter their exhibits from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Other growers can enter their exhibits from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Judging will begin at 1 p.m. with results available at the completion.

The program is sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County. All Lancaster County tobacco growers are encouraged to participate in the show.

The show will be conducted according to the following rules: Classes are the same as listed in the 1999 Pennsylvania Farm Show Catalog except each class will also have a VoAg class for vocational agriculture students to participate in. Entries should use the class number as listed followed by VoAg. Maryland type tobacco will be exhibited as "Pennsylvania Grown Smoking." Every exhibit must have a completed Pennsylvania Farm Show Entry Form containing the following information: class number, class name, exhibitor's name, address, and the exhibitor's Social Security number.

An exhibit will consist of 15 leaves tied with a leaf. All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor in Pennsylvania during the 1997 growing season

and be unsweated.

Exhibitors in the open classes will be limited to two exhibits per class per farm. Youth may have one exhibit per class in the youth show and one exhibit per class in the open show.

For additional rules, see the "Premium List, 1999 Pennsylvania State Farm Show" book. All entries in the County Show will be entered in the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Tobacco will not be returned to the exhibitor after the Farm Show.

The Lancaster County Tobacco Show will be held in the basement meeting room of the

Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

All interested tobacco growers are invited to attend and participate in the show. Anyone who would like to enter an

exhibit in the show and has questions should contact Bob Anderson, Lancaster County extension office, at (717) 394-6851 for more details.

## Tobacco Auction Plans Progress

Officials of the Pennsylvania Tobacco Marketing Cooperative that recently organized to hold auctions of both the 1997 and 1998 tobacco crop announced this week that they will be receiving tobacco in Lancaster County the week of January 11. But the time and place had not been finalized at *Lancaster Farming's* early New Years Day early press time.

President Jane Balmer said good word has been received from several southern tobacco companies who say they will come to the local auction to buy when it is held. It can also be reported that the organizers of the cooperative have everything just about in place but ask that their plans not be reported this week in case a last minute change needed to be made. A report in next week's issue of *Lancaster Farming* is scheduled to give full details of the auction plans.

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