

# Horse Progress Days Coming To Kinzers

KINZERS (Lancaster County) - What started five years ago on Elmer Lapp's farm near White Horse in Lancaster County, has become a major attraction for Amish farmers and other small farmers who till acreage with horses or mules and want to know where to find equipment and parts for these horse-drawn implements. Called Horse Progress Days, and patterned after the big Ag Progress Days held in Centre County each year on the Penn State research farm at Rockspring, this show is designed to show all the new equipment that is manufactured for use with horses by small Amish manufacturing plants in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

After having Horse Progress Days in Indiana for two years and Ohio for two years, the show is scheduled to be held back in Lancaster County for the next two years at the Rough and Tumble Museum grounds at Kinzers located along Route 30. This year, the show is set for July 2 and 3.

According to Elmer Lapp, well-known draft horse enthusiast, and founder of Horse Progress Days, two nearby farms have been reserved for field demonstrations of horse-drawn equipment. In addition, 60 to 70 horses will be working, and a 12-mule hitch will pull a 4-bottom plow. More than 40 exhibitors with draft horse wares will be at the show.

Equipment for truck farmers who want to use horses on their farms will have special emphasis this year.

Also several breeds of smaller horses will be featured. The action will include plowing, disking, haymaking, and lots of other related farm methods and machinery.

Last year, 8,000 people attended Horse Progress Days. Along with Lapp, committee members include Eli J C Yoder, Mt Hope, Ohio, and Floyd Bontrager, Middleburg, Indiana.

For more information, you may write to Elmer Lapp, 1014 New St., Akron, PA 17501 or Phone: (717) 859-8708.

# File For Liquid Fuels Tax Refund

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Treasurer Barbara Hafer said this week that Pennsylvania farmers who file claims for liquid fuels tax refunds will have only one form to fill out this year.

Hafer, who chairs the Board of Finance and Revenue, said "the form this year combines the two forms that had been needed to claim refunds for liquid fuels and fuels use tax, and the oil company franchise tax."

Claim forms were to have been mailed Friday, June 18 and must be returned, postmarked, no later than Sept. 30.

"Applicants should be aware that the board has moved its office and the forms are to be mailed to: Board of Finance and Revenue, Motor Fuels Section, 1101 S. Front St., Suite 410, Harrisburg, PA, 17104-2540," Hafer said.


Claim forms are available at that address. Questions may be answered by calling 717-787-6534.

The treasurer explained that any person who uses liquid fuels in the actual production of agricultural products is eligible for the refunds.

On this year's claim form, farmers will be asked to list the type of agriculture in which they engage, for instance, dairy, cattle, fish, poultry, etc.

Treasurer Hafer reported that last year "board staff processed 9,281 claims and paid \$3,049,695 in refunds. The average claim was \$329, with individual claims ranging from \$4.50 to a high of \$9,977 paid to a farmer in Chester County. The refunds paid are 25.9 cents per gallon for gasoline and 30.8 cents per gallon for diesel and kerosene," she said.

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