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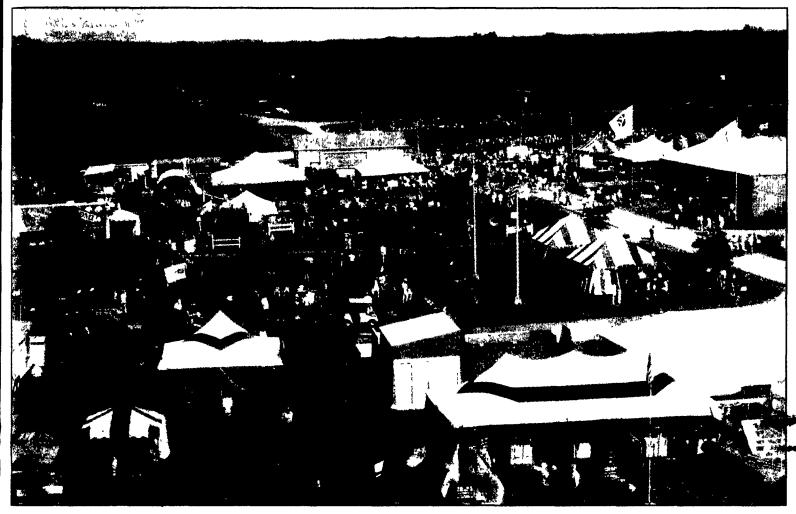
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Ag Progress, Penn State's Showcase Event, Opens Aug. 17



Hundreds of exhibitors and thousands of visitors will gather at this year's Ag Progress Days, Penn State's premier agricultural exposition, at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center. The center is located nine miles southwest of State College on Rt. 45. New and expanded activities for the farmer and family are included throughout this issue.

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Visitors can compete in a "largest weed" contest, walk through a corn maze, participate in a high-tech agricultural quiz show, or view 100 years of Pennsylvania dairy history at Ag Progress Days, Aug. 17-19.

The event's theme, "Harvest 2000: A Celebration of Progress," highlights a century of innovation and discovery in Pennsylvania agriculture. Sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, Ag Progress Days is held at the university's Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rockspring, near State College.

Visitors seeking a challenge can wander down to the Crops and Soils Tent and try to make their way through the nearby "A Maze N Corn," a large corn maze where adventurous types can spend a few minutes or several hours testing their sense of direction. Instead of pulling pesky weeds, gardeners and farmers can bring in two of their largest weeds and try to win the "Largest Weed in Pennsylrania" contest. Visitors can enter two weeds that have been grown in Pennsylvania, and all entries must be cut off at ground level. There are two categories: broadleaf and grass. Prizes are awarded

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Twenty-five years ago, Susie and Aaron Glick, center, built a milk jugging operation and store on their Quarryville dairy farm. Today Maplehofe Dairy Farm Store is the only place in Lancaster County that continues to bottle milk in glass. Turn to page B6 to read about the history and the changes made by the Glicks' sons, from left, Sam, Merle, Elvin, and Calvin. Photo by Lou Ann Good.

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Jill Neiman, seven-year Berks County 4-H Sheep and Lamb Club member, was recently crowed Berks County Lamb and Wool Queen at this week's Kutztown Fair. Read more about Jill's work in helping other members dress their sheep for the fairs this season on page B13. Additional coverage of the Kutztown Fair is included in this issue. Photo by Andy Andrews