

# New York Farm Show Beats Winter Blahs

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—One of the larger Northeast indoor farm shows will brighten up the lingering days of winter.

The New York Farm Show is scheduled Feb. 24-26, Thursday through Saturday, at the state fairgrounds in Syracuse, and offers more than 215,000 square feet of exhibits.

More than 400 companies and manufacturers display the newest equipment, supplies, technology, inputs, and services. Farmers can tour five buildings at the fairgrounds, meet with company representatives, and comparison shop.

"Farmers who want to keep up on the latest piece of equipment, tillage management, or whatever their operation needs can find it at the New York Farm Show," said Scott Grigor, New York Farm Show manager.

Discover software packages

to use for financial and production records, advantages of yield monitors and global positioning, and advancements in corn hybrids and crop protectants.

Dairy farmers can check out the latest developments in parlor designs, and crop farmers can explore tillage options, including zone tillage.

Rounding out the farm show will be several highlights, including antique tractor displays, farm toys, and a farm toy auction. Proceeds from the popular auction, Friday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Arts and Homes Center, benefit the FFA Alumni Scholarship Fund and New York FFA.

New York Farm Show is sponsored by the Northeast Equipment Dealers Association and American Agriculturist Magazine. Tickets are available free

WESTMINSTER, Md.—The Carroll County Cooperative Extension and the Carroll County Master Gardeners have announced the third annual Landscaping Mini-Conference, from 8:30 a.m.—3:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 4.

The conference is designed to help homeowners with basic

gardening and landscape management. The mini-conference will begin with a one-hour presentation entitled "Beautiful Underused Landscape Plants" by landscape designer and horticulturist Brian Lewis of Snell's Nursery. The rest of the day will be divided up into four one-hour sessions where participants can choose from a wide variety of classes.

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Topics for the breakout sessions are deer management, ground covers, garden design, color and theme gardens, winter interest, waterwise gardening, native perennials color and drama with fabulous foliage, great perennials, the joy of daylilies, organic vegetables, building soil, lawn care, planting ornamentals, pretty annuals, herb gardening, and butterflies in your garden.

All classes are taught by Carroll County Master Gardeners. The cost for the program is \$12 per person with a discounted rate of \$18 for two members of one household and will be at the Carroll County Cooperative Extension in Westminster. An optional boxed lunch from Maggie's Restaurant is available for an additional \$6.75.

Participation is limited, so call early. Participants must register in advance. Registration

closes Feb. 25. Registration materials can be obtained by calling Lisa Spence on Mondays or Thursdays at the extension office, (410) 386-2760.

### Winter Horticulture Classes

The Carroll County Cooperative Extension office announces the winter 2000 horticulture program schedule:

•Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m., growing orchids, \$5. The Carroll County Cooperative Extension will host noted orchid expert Dr. Michael Barrett for an informal presentation on growing and caring for orchids. Bring along your orchids for advice and diagnosis. Preregistration required. This class will be at the cooperative extension office.

•Feb. 19, 9-11 a.m., pruning fruit trees, \$10. Extension educator Bryan Butler will lead a hands-on workshop in pruning apples at a local apple orchard. Participants will prune trees in teams. Pruning peaches will also be addressed. Preregistration required.

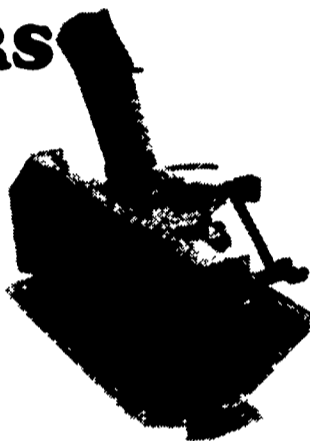
For questions or registration materials, call Lisa Spence on Mondays or Thursdays at (410) 386-2760 or stop by your local Carroll County library and pick up a brochure in the community programs section. Limited space available. Registration closes Feb. 15 or when spaces are filled.



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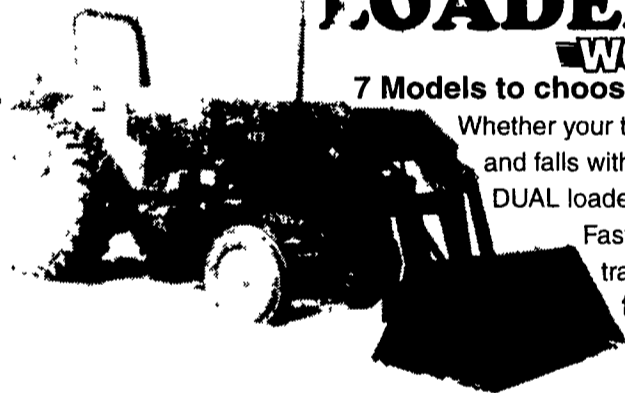
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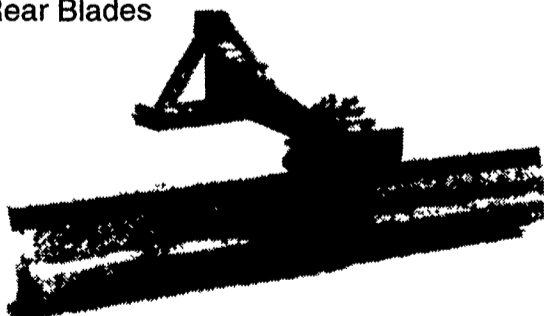
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