Mason-Dixon Fair Invites Antique Tractor Pullers

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DELTA (York Co.) - Gentlemen, start your engines.

At the Mason-Dixon Fair, that command will not send a pack of Nascar entries zooming around a track. It will instead signal the firing up of the puttputting of vintage tractors to compete in the fair's first antique farm machinery competition.

The July 10-15 Mason-Dixon Fair, sponsored by the Delta-Cardiff Fire Company, is gearing up for its second year as a rural agricultural expo for southern Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. Promising to be a popular addition to the 2year-old ag fair are classes for antique tractor pulling and exhibits of complementing antique farm equipment.

Entries for these equipment competitions and displays must be registered by a July 1 postmark to be eligible.

Tractor pulls for pre-1961 vintage models will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 13 and 14, beginning at 6 p.m. The Thursday evening competition will feature the 2,500-6,500pound weight classes, and continue on Friday with 7,500-12,500-pound classes. A \$10 hook-up fee will be charged and plaques awarded to class winners.

Antique equipment exhibits will be on display through the fair's duration. No entry fees are required and the displays may include any equipment of pre-1961 vintage models.

Planners anticipate entries spanning the range of farm implements, including tractors, plows, cultivators, having equipment, and gas and steam engines. Ribbons will be awarded to the most completely restored, most complete operating, and best appearing displays.

Registration information and rules packets for the vintage farm equipment competitions and tractor pulling may be obtained from an 2000 Mason-Dixon Fair book and returned to the Mason-Dixon Fair, P.O. Box 10, Delta, PA 17314. For additional information, contact vintage tractor event chairman Don Merryman at (410) 838-5842.

In addition to the new vintage equipment competitions, the Mason-Dixon Fair will host open classes for dairy and beef cattle, sheep, swine, goats and draft horses, as well as junior (4-H and vo-ag) classes for dairy, beef and sheep. Small exhibits — eggs, hay and grain, canned and baked goods, etc. ---are also invited to enter. Entries are limited to residents of York County, Pa., and Harford County, Md.

Entry deadlines have been extended for animal and small exhibits. Forms for these displays may be obtained from a Mason-Dixon Fair booklet and mailed to the above fair address.

For more information, contact Sherri Howard, (717) 456-5656.

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In addition to their educational offerings, Quiet Creek operates a small, 15-member CSA. Their 30-acre farm boasts a classroom, gift shop, and display gardens with more than 100 varieties of herbs, vegetables, and flowers.

On July 8, participants will

Following the tour there will be a demonstration in the secondfloor classroom. They will show vou the tools and methods they use to transform knowledge into a classroom curriculum.

There will be a soup and salad luncheon available for \$5. Please **RSVP** to Kate Francis at the PASA office at (814) 349-9856 by June 30 if you will be attend-

