

Empire Farm Days' Program Expands, Hosts Youth Event

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all the field demonstrations. Inside, farmers will find displays explaining demonstrations and can talk with company representatives and extension agents.

• Manure application systems. Stop by the Demonstration Tent at the south end of the demo field to see the latest innovations in manure application machinery and custom spreaders and talk with experienced applicators. Displays will cover the "Five Keys To Nutrient Management Planning." To start your nutrient management plan, there will be soil sample bags, forage analysis kits, and manure sampling containers at the site. If you'd like to know the pH of your soil, bring a sample to the field days and Cornell Cooperative Extension educators will test it right there.

Have questions about weeds or crop insects? Bring a sample from your fields and find some answers.

• Livestock handling demonstrations. Back by popular demand, the livestock handling demonstrations are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily (weather permitting). Attendees can watch a livestock handling demonstration that illustrates several types of chute and corral systems working cattle safely and easily. A number of the Empire Heifer Development animals will be on display.

Watch cattle work through the chute system, then discuss

each system's pros and cons with company representatives and Cornell Cooperative Extension livestock specialists. Discussions of beef quality assurance, vaccination protocol, feeder calf management, and best handling techniques will also be covered. The livestock handling demonstrations are coordinated by the CCE NWN Dairy, Livestock, and Field Crops Team and Empire Farm Days.

Livestock handling demonstrations are conducted on the southeast side of the exhibit area near the Demonstration Tent.

• Pesticide recertification talks. These are offered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. Farmers can attend the hour-long talks and receive recertification credits.

Also at Empire Farm Days is the Farm Bureau Family Center, which includes:

• A chance to visit the center's "Farm Corner" to get the "feel" for milking with "Li'l Belle," herd replica, who was specially constructed for this experience, and collect eggs, pick apples, grapes, and more. FFA will help to guide you through the "farm experience."

• A tribute to those past winners of the bureau's Citizenship and Scholarship Award Program.

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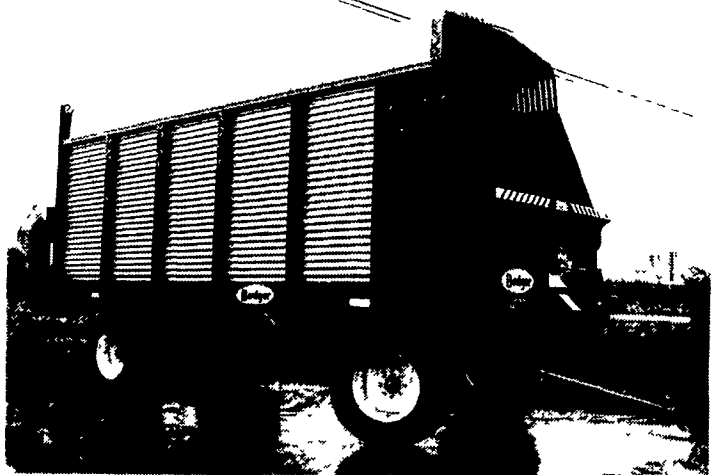


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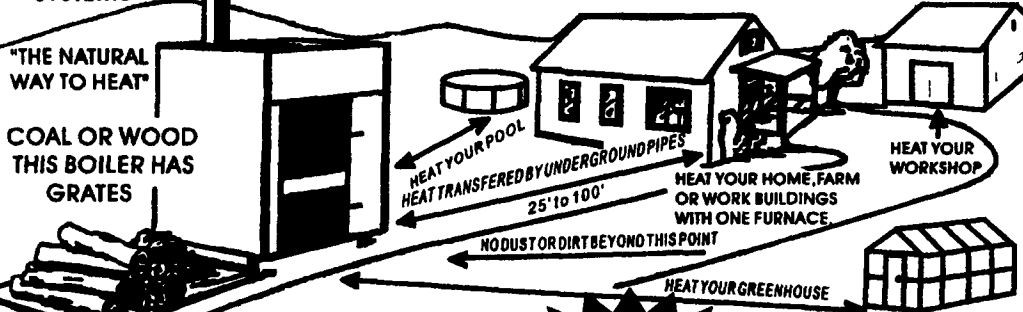
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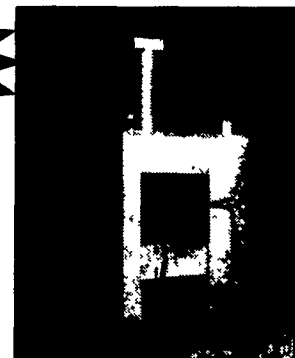


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