## **Sponsors Assist In KILE Production**

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) is in its 44th year here at the Farm Show Complex.

The exposition is recognized nationally as a showcase for the nation's top beef cattle, swine, sheep, and horses. KILE runs from Oct. 4-9.

To date, 70 major sponsors have committed funds to support KILE. A sponsorship program was put together a few years ago to assist in funding the show as well as to promote the show. With the revamped KILE program, many opportunities exist

for agricultural companies and individuals to get involved.

University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine, New Bolton Center is sponsoring the Challenge of the Breeds Show Friday evening in the Large Arena. This event will pit 10 internationally recognized horse breeds - Appaloosa, Arabian, Half-Arabian, Percheron, Saddlebred, Paint, Quarter Horse, Morgan, Palomino, and Pinto — against each other in an evening of fun and mastery. Twelve horses chosen by their respective breed associations will be entered in the competition.

The Keystone Sovereign Champion will then receive \$1,000.

Sponsoring the Kiddie Pedal Pull is Evergreen Tractor Sales, Myerstown. Dennis Grumbine, owner, reports that he chose the Kiddie's Pedal Pull to sponsor because of the close tie-in with the equipment business. The Pedal Pull will be Saturday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m. The event is open to children between the ages of 3-8.

Kessler Meats has chosen to sponsor the daily "Kessler's Barnyard," as it is called, where kids of all ages can touch and pet barnyard animals. Kessler's Meats is located in Lemoyne. Lebanon Valley Farmers/ Fulton Bank is sponsoring the Agri-Kid Olympics. Farm-related competitive events will be conducted for children, including wheelbarrow races, hay toss, and sack races. Kids will even learn how to auctioneer.

Pennsylvania Livestock Association is sponsoring the Keystone Stockman's Contest. It will be Monday, Oct. 9 and is open to any 4-H or FFA member in the U.S. and Canada. Last year, 502 youth participated in this contest

Sponsorships at KILE are available in six monetary denominations from \$50 to \$1,000 +.

Sponsors receive show pins, ring announcements, plaques, display ads, pictures, and banners depending on the level of participation.

The show is indebted to its Diamond sponsors: Pennwoods Equine Products, Center Hall; Leroy Gray, Fairbanks, Iowa and the Pennsylvania Percheron Association, Boalsburg, are all major sponsors in the Six-Horse Hitch classes. Fieldstone Meadows Horse Farm, Dallastown, is a major sponsor in the Paso Fino champion classes and the Pennsylvania Draft Horse and Mule Association sponsors various mare and stallion classes.

## Challenge Of The Breeds At KILE

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Friday, Oct. 6 evening arena program at the 2000 Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE), will be the Challenge of the Breeds.

This show pits 10 internationally recognized horse breeds — Appaloosa, Arabian, the Paint, Half-Arabian, Morgan, Palomino, Pinto, Quarter Horse, Percheron, and Saddlebred — against each other in an evening of fun and mastery.

These animals have been chosen by their respective breed associations. In order to compete, the horse must be owned by a Pennsylvania resident or by a bonafide member of the Pennsylvania Breed Association invited to participate. The event is sponsored in part by the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine, New Bolton Center.

. The seven events in which each horse can be entered include:

- Pleasure driving. Horses are asked to perform both ways at a walk and trot.
- English pleasure. In English tack, horses will perform both directions at a walk, trot, and a canter.
- Hunter hack. In addition to performing on the rail, the horse will be asked to take two jumps.
- Western pleasure. In western gear, the horse will walk, jog, and lope in both directions.
- Western riding. The horse performs a prescribed course which demonstrates the performance of a well-mannered ranch horse.
- Barrel racing. A timed event in the clover-leaf pattern is performed by the horse.
- Timed obstacle trail class. Horses negotiate a series of obstacles encountered on the trail.

The horses will be judged at

each of these events on a point system by two qualified judges. The winning horse will receive the distinction of being the Keystone Sovereign champion and will receive an award of \$1,000. The reserve champion will be awarded \$500. Placings will be paid through eighth place.

This marks the 11th time that a Challenge of the Breeds event has been conducted in Pennsylvania. Several of the six-horse hitch teams will also perform in competitive classes during the evening.

The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening, Oct. 6, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Arena, Harrisburg, and the admission fee for the show is \$5.



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