

Agriculture Secretary Announces 2001 Farm Show Schedule

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Sam Hayes recently announced that the 85th Pennsylvania Farm Show will run from Saturday, Jan. 6, to Thursday, Jan. 11, here at the state Farm Show Complex.

New to this year's Farm Show will be an enlarged butter sculpture, a new cheese sculpture, a large machinery display, a "Website Agriculture" display at the Department of Agriculture's exhibit, and a "high

tunnel" display, featuring agricultural research for commercial vegetable and small fruit growers, sponsored by the state agriculture department.

For the complete Farm Show Schedule, contact the Department of Agriculture's Press Office at (717) 787-5085 or visit

the Department of Agriculture through the PA PowerPort at www.state.pa.us or directly at www.pda.state.pa.us.

The dairy, poultry, and livestock competitions will offer record premiums this year — more than \$300,000. Many popular events also will return, including the Sheep-to-Shawl Contest, the Family Living and Agricultural Learning Center, the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Championship, the crowning of the supreme champion in the livestock and dairy shows, and the sale of champions.

"Gov. Ridge and I would like to invite every Pennsylvanian to the 2001 Pennsylvania Farm Show to see the very best that Pennsylvania agriculture has to offer."

Secretary Hayes noted that agriculture is the state's No. 1 industry, generating \$44.1 billion from the farm to the table.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show will open on Saturday, Jan. 6 and is free to the public. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday.

There is a \$5 parking fee per vehicle in the Farm Show parking lot, which is along Cameron Street just off Rt. 81.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show — the largest indoor agricultural event in America — is operated by the Pennsylvania Farm Show Commission.



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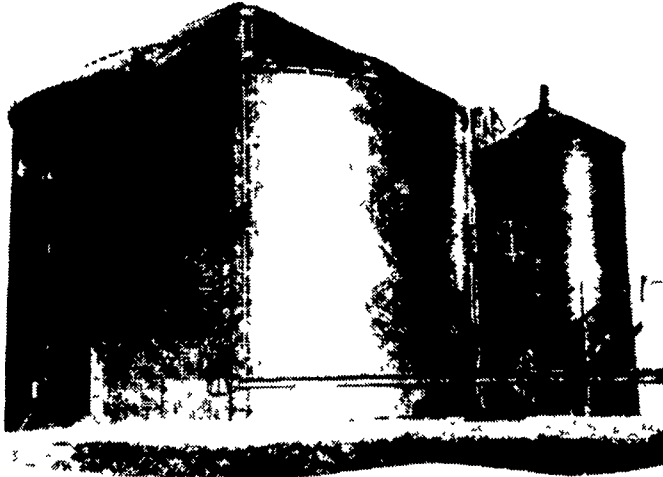
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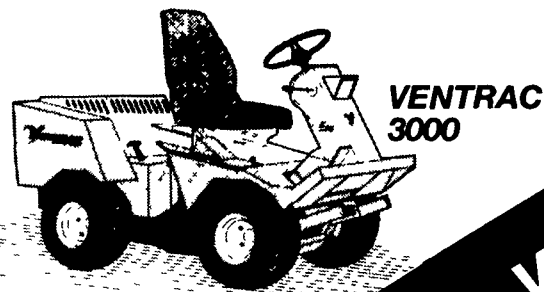
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