

Ag Progress Days Schedules Variety Of Events

Aug. 14-16, 2001

Rockspring, Pa.

Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Welcome!

I'm very excited to welcome you to Ag Progress Days 2001, "From the Ground Up: Building a Better Environment."

Today, wrestling with complex issues is the name of the game for all of us. Profitability, environmental protection, biotechnology, globalization, emerging diseases — these issues present multifaceted challenges, and their solutions will be as complex as the issues themselves. I know, however, that research and education are critical to finding our way through to answers that work not only for those of us who are here, now, but also for our children and their children.

That's why I'm very proud to share with you some of the work

we're doing in the College of Agricultural Sciences. As you walk through the College Exhibits Building, you'll see displays featuring research and extension programs that address issues such as land and water pollution while at the same time enhancing farm profitability. Turning farm waste products into profit-generating energy or utilizing wetlands as buffer zones to trap excess nutrients are good examples of this work. Presentations in the theater will address current issues such as foot-and-mouth, West Nile, and Lyme diseases. A highway safety workshop for farm equipment operators and a public forum on hot topics in today's agriculture also are scheduled.

Throughout the show, you'll find exhibits and displays packed with information to help you and your family. More than \$20 million in farm equipment and services are on display, with

an equipment manufacturers "show and tell" demonstration featuring the very latest technologies. Also scheduled are a skid steer rodeo, a special high-tunnel production tour, and a variety of field demonstrations. You'll find information on crops and soils, dairy and livestock production, integrated pest management, farm safety, woodlot management, and lawn, landscape and garden care.

New this year is the "Kid's Climb," where the daring can ascend to the treetops and discover what it's like to be an arborist. Some of our most popular features are back for your enjoyment. The corn maze and largest weed contest await you, as do the lovely flower gardens. The Family Learning Hub, ImAGination Station, Shavers Creek and the Farm Animal Learning Center continue to offer great fun, great information, and a place to relax with your family.

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Our storyteller will weave magic tales, and the horse exhibitions promise to be as exciting as ever.

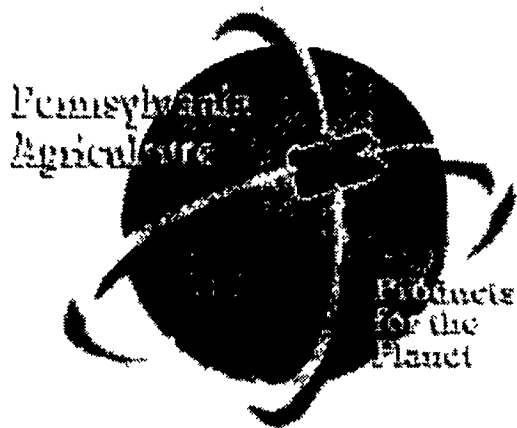
Don't forget to visit the Pasto Agricultural Museum to see their special exhibit and take part in the second annual silent auction. And throughout the show, you'll find food booths of-

fering wonderful treats from ice cream to steak sandwiches.

If there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, please feel free to ask our faculty and staff for assistance. Welcome to Ag Progress Days!

Robert D. Steele

Dean, Penn State College
Of Agricultural Sciences



Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Workshops at Ag Progress Days

Get ideas on how to increase farm profits

August 14	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Red Barn - Lower Level
August 15	9:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Farmhouse - Upstairs
August 16	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Auditorium

The PA Crop Insurance Assistance Program provides

FREE "CAT" Coverage

**Discounted Premiums & Fees
(Paid for "BUY-UP" Coverage)**

Door Prizes

Sam Hayes

Secretary of Agriculture



Pennsylvania encourages growers to have crop insurance protection as part of their farming risk management plan. All policy fees and approximately 20 percent of net premium costs are paid for growers.

Sponsored by the PA Department of Agriculture with cost share support from RMA/USDA.

General Information

- Public pay telephones are located on Main Street near the Information Booth, and at Main and E. 5th Streets.

- A first aid station, with an ambulance staffed by emergency medical technicians, is located in the farmhouse at the top of Main Street.

- Lost-and-found items are kept at the Information Booth.

- Disclaimer: Machinery, equipment, products, and services provided are for educational purposes. Their presence does not imply endorsement or recommendation by Penn State.

- Future Dates: Tentative dates for Ag Progress Days 2002 are August 20, 21 and 22.

- Recycling: Look for blue recycling containers throughout the grounds. Thank you for supporting Penn State's recycling efforts!

What's New for 2001

- Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Initiative: Drop off plastic pesticide containers for easy disposal and recycling.

- Tree Climbing: Safely climb 40-foot-tall trees with ropes and harness, just like the professionals.

- Public Forum — Hot Topics in Agricultural Sciences: Three experts, no waiting. Ask the tough questions about Pennsylvania agriculture; you set the agenda.

- New location for equipment demonstration sites at West 1st Street.

- "New Product" posters will guide you to the latest models, goods and services.

Buildings, Tents, And Exhibits

- Information Booth. *Main St., at the top of the hill.* Find information on all activities and exhibitors, as well as a lost-and-found service.

- Visitors' Center. *Main St. at West 4th St.* Looking for lodging, local restaurants, area attractions, or things to do on Penn State's University Park campus? You'll find information and directions here. Buy your Ag Progress Days shirt and hat here to support Centre County United Way.

- Ag Alumni Pavilion. *Main St., between West 11th and West 12th Sts.* Find out about the Penn State College of Ag Sciences Alumni Society. Alumni can stop in, meet old friends, and see alumni-related exhibits. Free ice water and apples while supplies last.

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