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Ed Nielsen in the lobby of the new Farm Show Complex. Photo by Dave Lefever

Nielsen Outlines Farm Show Plans

Exhibitors: Sign Up For Farm Show Dinner By June 16

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Ed Nielsen wants to develop what he calls a “world-

class marketing plan” for the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

The newly-named Farm Show director brings with him 20 years

of experience helping organizations with innovative planning and marketing strategies.

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Hog Farming Summit Draws Diverse Crowd

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GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — What’s the best way to raise pigs to meet consumer pork demands, take care of the environment, and be a good neighbor?

Organizers of the Third Annual Sustainable Hog Farming Summit here last Saturday say that large-scale, confinement facilities are not the answer.

According to them, these operations pollute air and water, offer inhumane living conditions for animals, and have negative economic impacts on rural communities.

That’s hogwash, according to several large-scale confinement producers who were also on hand

for the day-long event. These operators say they do a good job managing manure and odor, and

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Township Ordinance Under Review; York Swine Operation Advances

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DELTA (York Co.) — Southeastern York County is the latest scene in the struggle between

farmers and residents over big hog operations.

After an impassioned public

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International ‘Red Power’ Show Gears Up

LOU ANN GOOD
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BLOOMSBURG (Columbia Co.) — With less than two weeks until the International “Red Power” Show comes into the Bloomsburg Fairgrounds for a massive three-day event June 26-28, action is in high gear for final preparations.

Ben Trapani, president of the International Harvester Collectors of Central Pennsylvania Chapter 17 Club in charge of the International Harvester (IH) Roundup, said that equipment and memorabilia are coming from the four corners of the U.S., Canada, and beyond.

Trapani expects 30,000 people to attend during the three-day period.

He already knows that proud IH collectors are bringing 1,200-1,500 red tractors and 500-600 Cub Cadets to display. One of the oldest models that Trapani knows for sure that will be displayed is a 1916 restored Titain IH. A very unusual all-wooden forage cutter with a wooden chain will also be display.

Secretary of Agriculture Dennis Wolff will speak at Thursday’s June 26 welcoming ceremony.

Plans are under way for a tractor parade through the

town of Bloomsburg on Saturday morning.

“Unfortunately the older model tractors won’t be in the parade because of the old-style wheels,” Trapani said.

But the parade promises to include an unusual sight. Nevin Rice, Blain, plans to bring 13 tractors. He hooks them end to end and drives the first tractor towing the remaining 12.

“Although the show is sponsored by the Red Power Club, participation is not limited to club members. Anyone can bring a tractor,” Trapani said.

Tractors can be brought for show without prior registration. Red Power fans eagerly anticipate the opportunity to ooh and ahh over what they consider is the best brand of tractors in history.

It doesn’t matter that tractors are no longer manufactured under the IH name. The fierce competitiveness between devotees of different colored tractors is intense.

“Red Power” perspective claims that red tractors were far advanced over other colored brands.

“Between 1939-1953, more than 400,000 Farmall H and 300,000 Farmall M models were sold compared to only

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A Plan For Pennsylvania

Commentary From Dennis C. Wolff
Secretary

Pennsylvania Department Of Agriculture

In March, Governor Rendell brought to the Pennsylvania General Assembly his Plan for a New Pennsylvania, a package of initiatives to get Pennsylvania’s

economy back on track and to reinvest in our schools and communities.

There are several key components in the Governor’s plan, but I would like to focus on one of the most exciting aspects — reform of our property tax system to provide fairness both in how schools are funded and in how school funds are distributed among Pennsylvania’s 501 school districts.

The Governor’s plan puts Pennsylvania’s farmers and rural communities at the forefront of its benefits and opportunities. In a state of roughly 12 million people, Pennsylvania’s 59,000 farm families represent about one percent of the state’s population.

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“Raise your glasses high and chug,” said Cumberland County Dairy Ambassador Bernadette Nace, center, who led the crowd in a milk toast to dairy farmers. Bunk Smith, Dillsburg, planned the celebration in honor of dairy

farmers “who work 365 days a year so that the rest of us can eat.” Turn to page B2 to read more about the event. Photo by Lou Ann Good, food and family features editor

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