

Sounds Of Steam, Sawmill At Rough And Tumble



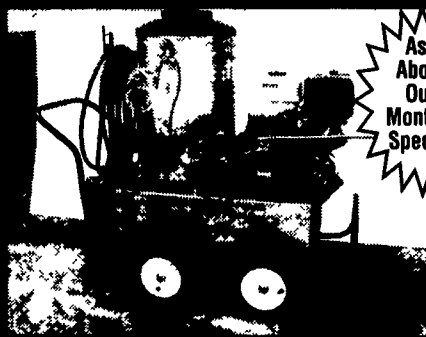
KINZERS (Lancaster Co.) — So what's all the steam and smoke about? Well, old time days were back again at the 55th annual Rough and Tumble Thresherman's Reunion here beginning Wednesday this week and lasting through today.

In the photo at left, a 60-foot belt is worked by a 1909 35-horsepower Frick coal-driven steam engine. The engine is operated by David Kroa, Berks County. The belt system powers the sawmill where Bruce Townsend, New Hampshire, in photo above, operates a Brickmill circular saw cutting up beechwood.

During the week, thousands visited the Rough and Tumble site, where they saw a shingle mill in operation, threshing machine demonstrations, a "pageant of threshing," a "parade of power," and other events. The event continues today.

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Consumers Guide To Pa. Farm Markets Available

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — To boost consumer awareness of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables offered in the state, Agriculture Secretary Dennis C Wolff recently announced the availability of "A Consumer's Guide to Pennsylvania Farm Markets" while visiting the Pennsylvania Open-Air Farmers Market on the grounds of the Farm Show Complex.

"These markets provide the perfect opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy the tastes of Pennsylvania's finest," Wolff

said. "I encourage all Pennsylvanians to take advantage of these venues, as well as the opportunities that are available for seniors and WIC participants to purchase produce through our Farmers Market Nutrition Program."

"The Pa. Department of Agriculture (PDA) and local farmers and retailers have created a partnership that enables consumers to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables through PDA's Farmers Market Nutrition Program," Wolff said.

Since 1992, the Farmers Market Nutrition Program has enabled participants of the WIC Program to take advantage of the health benefits of locally grown Pennsylvania produce.

In 1998, the Department of Agriculture expanded the program to include qualifying senior citizens. To qualify, seniors must be age 60 or older with an income last year of \$16,613 for a single person and \$22,422 for a couple.

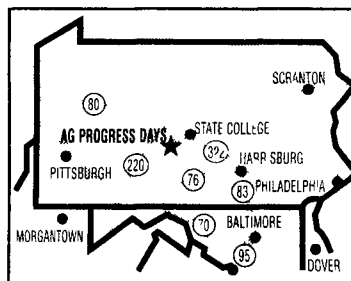


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