

Farm Show Opens In One Month

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Just one month from today, Gov. Edward G. Rendell and Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C. Wolff will officially open the 88th Pennsylvania Farm Show at the newly remodeled and expanded Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

"The Farm Show Complex will accommodate greater numbers of exhibitors and visitors than ever before, with more than one million square feet under roof," said Wolff. "The complex is the commonwealth's premier exposition, exhibition, convention, and special events facility and one of the top five such facilities in the country."

The annual show is the largest indoor agricultural event in the U.S., accommodating more than 250 commercial exhibitors and an estimated 350,000 visitors throughout the week. This year, more than 8,000 exhibitors are expected to showcase top-quality livestock and farm products.

Department Of Agriculture Announces Counties Selected For 2004 Chemsweep

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C Wolff today announced that 21 counties have been chosen for the 2004 CHEMSWEEP Program. This program is designed to provide businesses licensed to apply pesticides with the means to properly dispose of canceled, suspended, or unwanted pesticide products.

The counties identified for collections of pesticides in the summer of 2004 are Adams, Armstrong, Butler, Carbon, Clarion, Cumberland, Dauphin, Elk, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Mifflin, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Venango, and Wayne.

"Before CHEMSWEEP began in 1992, there wasn't a cost effective way for people to dispose of unwanted pesticides properly,"

They will have the opportunity to earn more than \$335,023 in prize money during the show.

"There are many things that bring people to the Farm Show, and one is the delicious Pennsylvania foods available at our Food Court," said Wolff. "This year's show will have all of the traditional Farm Show favorites, including milkshakes, baked potatoes, and beef and pork barbeque sandwiches. There is something for everyone at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. This is a great event for the entire family."

Wolff said the Farm Show will feature a number of educational opportunities and hands-on activities for children.

The 2004 Pennsylvania Farm Show runs Jan. 10-17, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Additional information can be found at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/fscomplex/site/default.asp or by calling (717) 787-5373.

Wolff said. "We are now taking the necessary measures to ensure that these chemicals do not harm the environment."

Pesticides control, kill, or mitigate pest organisms and can include herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, and rodenticides. The products are classified as Universal Waste Pesticides and will be collected, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

"At no cost to the business, CHEMSWEEP provides central collection sites where people are asked to drop off unwanted pesticides, or the hazardous waste disposal company under contract by PDA will collect the pesticides directly from the storage location," Wolff said.

PASA's Farming For Future Conference Feb. 5-7

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90-minute workshops and four specialized, daylong intensive sessions will make the 2004 conference a groundbreaking event for sustainable ag enthusiasts, who last year came from all over Pennsylvania and 21 other states. Farmers will find it easy to build a track to suit their specialties including dairy, livestock, poultry, vegetables, fruit, policy, and marketing.

Preconference

For the first time, this year's conference will feature a three-day format. The additional day (Thursday) is in response to many attendees' expressed desire for more time with their friends and colleagues of common interest. The preconference day also offers participants an opportunity for more in-depth study in four defined tracks: new and beginning farmers, women in agriculture, small ruminants, and timber framing.

On Thursday evening, Canadian farmer Percy Schmeiser will be the featured dinner speaker. He will chronicle a case revolving around a major manufacturing's claim for patent infringement because a neighbor's genetically modified Canola cross-pollinated hundreds of acres of Schmeiser's own crops. Details of this story will be unfolding at the time of the conference since Schmeiser will have just had his case heard by the Canadian Supreme Court.

Livestock And Dairy

This year's conference workshops offer a strong lineup of livestock experts. Nationally known bovine genetic specialist Gerald Fry will offer his tips for selecting bulls that will improve your herd. Jim and LeeAnn Van Der Pol from

Pastures-a-Plenty Company and Farm in Minnesota will share success stories from their pastured hog enterprise. Jack and Anne Lazor of Butterworks Farm in Vermont will present their whole-farm approach to dairy farming, and offer expert advice on how to market value-added dairy products.

As another special feature this year, the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association will be hosting its annual meeting at the PASA Conference. Distinguished members of APPPA will offer five workshops to conference participants who want to get started or improve their pastured poultry operations.

Vegetables, Fruits, And Crops

Among the highlights for produce growers who attend the conference, Paul and Sandy Arnold of Pleasant Valley Farm in New York will detail their annual strawberry bedding system, as well as a whole-farm design for fruit and vegetable production. The Arnolds are well-known for their innovative, low-cost/high-value techniques for growing a broad variety of crops.

Additionally, organic grain producers Mary-Howell and Klaas Martin of Lakeview Organic Grain will help participants identify and develop strategies for minimizing major production problems. From Nesenkeag Cooperative Farm in New Hampshire, SARE educator Eero Ruuttila will share tips on growing specialty crops for market. Ruuttila has the largest organic farm in New Hampshire, producing a

wide variety of greens - as many as 100 a season!

Policy And Activism

For those who prefer more attention to agricultural policy issues, one of the more politically stimulating discussions will come from Anuradha Mittal (Food First) and Brian Halweil (World Watch Institute), who will discuss the importance of local organizing in a global economy.

Complementing this theme in a second workshop, Elizabeth Henderson (Peacework Farms) and Richard Mandelbaum (CATA), will share their new research into social justice in the food system and give a vision of what a socially just food system might look like.

As always, the conference program has something for everyone. From seed-saving and beekeeping to regional marketing and women in agriculture, the Farming For the Future conference continues to grow every year in size and popularity because it is so useful to farmers and consumers alike. It gives them practical information for their farms, enlivens the relationships that make any sustainable community flourish, and revives their spirits for another growing season.

To receive a full color brochure for this year's conference, call PASA at (814) 349-9856. To see more information and register more directly, visit the Website at www.pasafarming.org.

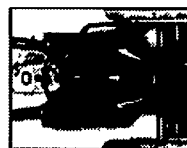
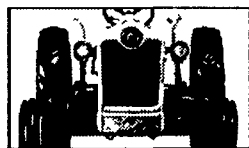
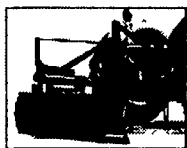
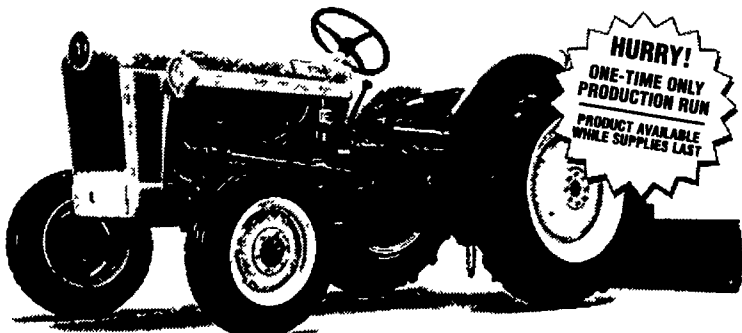
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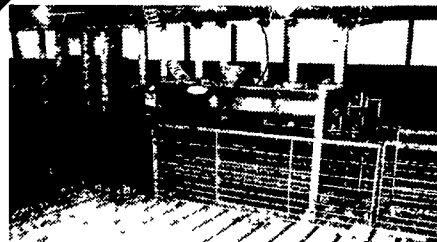
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