



Penn State's Ag Progress Days

If you're a producer and want to learn about the newest equipment, technology and services that will make you more profitable and improve your production, this is the show for you.

If you're a consumer who wants to know what goes into the plant foods you eat and how you can produce better gardens and fruit trees at home, this show is for you, too.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days—Pennsylvania's largest outdoor agricultural expo—is the show for everyone who cares about Pennsylvania agriculture: the farmers, the consumers and taxpayers who benefit, and the children whose future depends on it.

While rain dampened day one of this year's Ag Progress Days, August 12 - 14, thousands from all four corners of the state and beyond turned out to see what Pennsylvania agriculture is all about.

Sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, it's held annually on 150 acres at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center in Rock Springs. This year's Ag Progress Days featured exhibitors from all over the United States as well as parts of Canada, and also showcased the college's pioneering research.

There was plenty for children to see and do as well—friendly bugs and farm animals, a corn maze, and a kid-safe tree climb using safety ropes and harnesses, assisted by certified arborists.

And if the food lines were any indication, the food served by mostly non-profit groups such as churches and Lion's Clubs was well worth the wait. Local dairies also served ice cream and milkshakes.

Now in his 23rd year as Ag Progress Show Manager, Bob Oberheim said the number of exhibitors has grown from 285 to 500 since he started. This is the show with something for everyone, he added. "We want to give everyone who attends something to take home that will benefit them."