

Family life stressed at Ag Progress

LEWISBURG — Family life will get special treatment at this year's Ag Progress Days.

"In Pennsylvania we have a Family Strength Program," explains Penn State extension services home economist Natalie Snyder of Union County. "We focus on ways to strengthen the family unit, because family strength flows over into all aspects of farm life. We've found the more families do things together, the stronger they are."

With this in mind, home economists from the extension service's 10-county Susquehanna region have prepared hands-on

exhibits to involve every member of the family.

"So often at events like this the children get left out," Snyder notes. "We've planned exhibits that will incorporate children, often working with their parents."

A 10-foot-tall giraffe will invite youngsters to record their height along with their identity at one booth. Kids will be able to take home a growth chart as well as handouts for them and for grownups. Parents will learn about special toys they can make at home—toys that get parents involved in their children's learning and play.

A parent/child hand-tracing

stand will be part of the fun and will emphasize "that parents are the helping hands that make children into healthy adults," according to Snyder.

For adults the emphasis is on getting important and practical information at this year's family life exhibits. A telephone exhibit will illustrate the new service and equipment options available to consumers. "People will be able to see what they can do to lower their phone service costs," says Cindy Walls, extension service home economist in Lycoming County.

A banking exhibit will allow people to try their hand at using an automatic teller machine. "We want people to become comfortable with using the machines," Walls says. "We'll be showing their safety features and their advantages."

Other exhibits will look at sewing, how to lead a healthier life and the role of carbohydrates in good nutrition.



A couple of youngsters pause at 1983 Ag Progress to draw their family and enter artistic competition.

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Photo highlight

Corn irrigation

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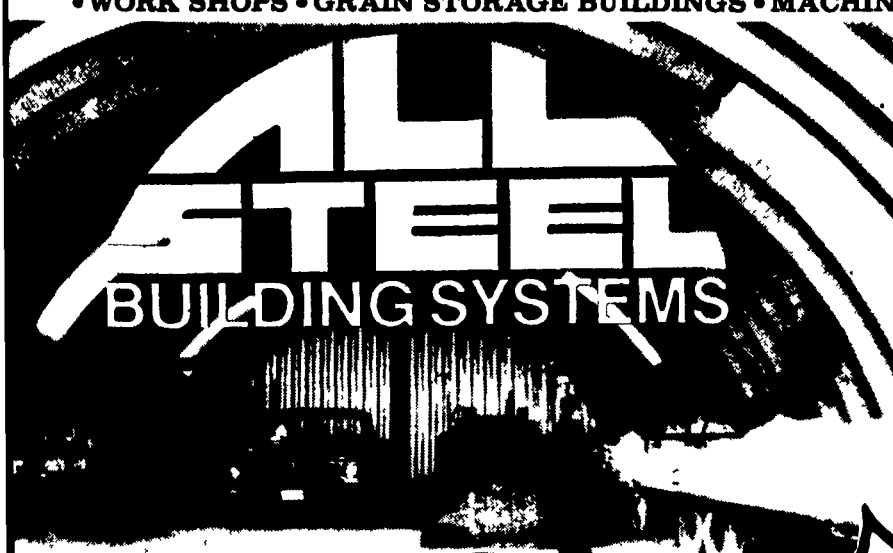
To measure how much water is actually being applied to the soil, Williams advises growers to use a series of three tapered rain gauges per system. A few drops of light oil in the empty gauge will form a film over the water as the gauge fills and keep the water from evaporating before the level can be read.

"This would certainly be a good year to see a lot of 200-bushel-per-acre irrigated corn yields," concludes Williams. "Water at the right time is the key."

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