



# BACK HOME

By Michelle S. Rodgers

Berks Extension  
Home Economist

At almost six months of age, our little one no longer classifies as a newborn. Her little personality is really beginning to blossom and she is becoming a part of our daily routine or maybe we are really becoming a part of her daily routine. Regardless, the complexity of relationships is no longer only a marriage relationship but also a parent-child relationship.

Author, S. Adams Sullivan, compares the link between a parent and a child to that of a marriage, in that in both types of relationships, commitment and hard work are required.

At our home, the parent-child relationship is still in the honeymoon stage. It's a very warm, cuddly relationship. The words of

our conversation are not as important as the tone of voice. A few goo's and gurgles mixed in with a smile and giggle or an occasional cry serves as an adequate amount of communication to keep us happy.

Sullivan suggests, however, that as our children grow older, our relationship with them inevitably changes. Just as a married couple settles into a routine after the honeymoon, parent and child go beyond that first rush of infatuation. Babies learn to say "no" and the parent's basic phrase becomes "Don't do that!" And at a high point of frustration, parents might wish to "divorce their kids" but it doesn't work that way. The job of parent is life long. Even after three

decades of parenting, my parents still are my parents who counsel, worry, love and care for me.

Just as in marriage we work at keeping the romance alive by thoughtful little attentions and special times together, the relationships with our children need the same kind of effort. Just as couples look for activities and interests to share together, so parents need to be looking for such things that they can share and enjoy together with children.

I'm not able to tell you what activities to get involved in that

will meet you and your child's needs. Each of us needs to establish our own family style of quality time together. However, some favorite family styles are hiking families, picture puzzle families, computer families, reading aloud families, flea-market families, bike-riding families, bread-baking families, and board game families.

Each family must work out its own favorite enterprise of family time together. The activities will vary according to the ages, stages, sexes, and number of your children. For more ideas for family

time, check the many resource books at the library or local bookstore.

One final comparison between marriages and parenting. The first few years of marriage and parenting are filled with lots of hugs, kisses and laughter. Unfortunately, as we fall into a routine, these expressions of love that add life to the relationship are over-looked or forgotten. Couldn't you go for a good old-fashioned dutch-rub, back rub, bear hug, tickling session or shoulder squeezing to add some spice to your family life?

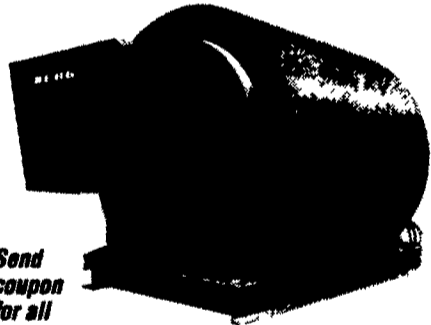
## Grind, Mix & Blend Your Own Feed On Your Own Farm

... quality rations at less cost with Berg Feed Processing Systems!

Save time and money by processing just the right amount of fresh, wholesome feed for each day's needs right on your own farm with your own home-grown crops. Then, mix and blend them with supplements into a perfectly-balanced, nutritious ration that makes your animals healthier and more productive.

Berg Hammer Mill

Berg systems include mixer/blenders, hammermills, roller mills, liquid injectors, grain roasters and cleaners, feeders and conveyors.



Berg Maxi-Mixer

Send coupon for all the facts!



Berg Equipment Company, Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449  
Berg Equipment Co. (Canada) Ltd., RR-6, London, Ontario N6A 4C1  
Berg Equipment Co. (Canada) Ltd., RR-2, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 5Y2  
LF 87-1B

Rush information on the products checked at right to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  Student

- Mixer/Blenders
- Hammermills
- Roller Mills
- Liquid Injectors
- Grain Roasters
- Grain Cleaners
- Feed Conveyors
- Feed Factories



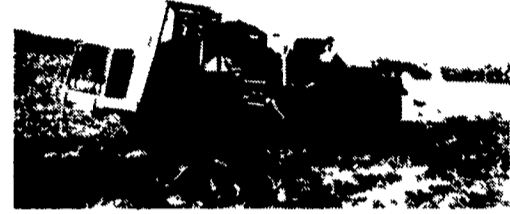
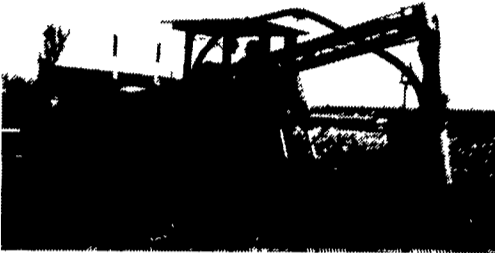
### YOUR AUTHORIZED BERG DEALERS

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <b>ROBERT GUTSHALL</b><br>R.D. #1, Box 212<br>Womelsdorf, PA 19567<br>717-933-4616                                     | <b>INGRAM BARN EQUIPMENT</b><br>R.D. #2<br>Bellefonte, PA 16823<br>814-383-2798                        | <b>JOSEPH M. FISHER &amp; SONS</b><br>R.D. #1, Box 179<br>York, PA 17404<br>717-292-6668 |
| <b>ROVENDALE SUPPLY</b><br>R.D. #2<br>Watsonstown, PA 17777<br>717-538-5521 or 742-7521<br>Toll Free PA 1-800-232-DALE | <b>McMILLEN BROTHERS</b><br>Claire McMillen<br>R.D. #1, Box 134<br>Loysville, PA 17047<br>717-789-3961 |  |
| <b>LAPP'S BARN EQUIPMENT</b><br>R.D. #1, Box 129<br>Gap, PA 17527<br>717-442-8134                                      | <b>LANCASTER SILO COMPANY</b><br>2008 Horseshoe Road<br>Lancaster, PA 17601<br>717-299-3721            | <b>FRANKLIN D. HESS FARM EQUIP.</b><br>R.D. #2<br>Orangeville, PA 17859<br>717-925-6939  |

## Farm Drainage & Soil Conservation... That's Us!

We Are Fully Equipped To Install Tile With Laser Beam Control

We Specialize In Soil Conservation And Land Improvement Work



- Improved Land Use and Efficiency
- Better Soil Conservation
- Deeper Root Development
- Increased Crop Yield
- Longer Growing Seasons
- Improved Plant Quality
- Better Livestock Farming

We're Equipped With: Dozers, Pans And Excavators To Handle Any Excavating Jobs, Such As Terraces, Waterways, Diversions, Ponds, Etc.



**COCALICO EQUIP. CO.**

FARM DRAINAGE & EXCAVATING  
RD#4, BOX 317, DENVER, PA. 17517 PH: 215-267-3808  
717-738-3794



## INCREASE EACH LITTER

with healthier, bigger pigs and more productive sows

**Stanfield® Heat Pads**—the lowest cost source of extra heat for your young pigs in your confinement operation

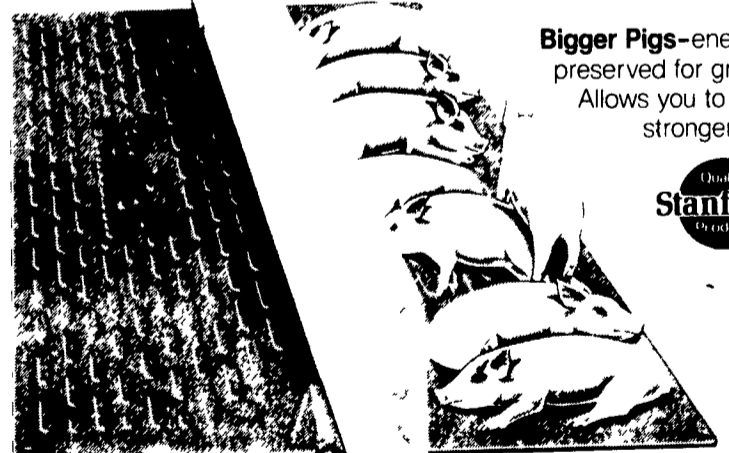
**Healthier Pigs**—with extra heat without piling pays off with better rest and reduced scours

**Larger Litters**—the best way to keep pigs away from the sow. Virtually eliminates crushing

**Better Heat**—efficient uniform warmth keeps vital organs away from cold floors, prevent chilling drafts

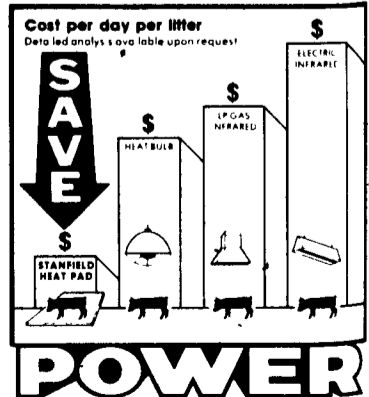
**More Productive Sows**—cooler sows experience less stress and produce more milk

**Bigger Pigs**—energy is preserved for growth. Allows you to wean stronger pigs



Call or write today for complete facts and literature.

Stanfield® Heating Pads for Farrowing, Nursery & Finishing Since 1973



**POWER**



**TRI-COUNTY** PH: 717-274-3488  
CONFINEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:00 to 4:30

608 E. Evergreen Rd.

Lebanon, PA 17042