

1,500 Visit Somerset Farm

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SOMERSET (Somerset Co.)—
Ignoring the gloom of overhead clouds, some 1,500 visitors came to the Walker Grove Farm to enjoy Day At The Farm, sponsored by the Somerset County Farmer's Association. The farm is owned and operated by Ray M. and son, Kurt Walker, with their wives, Anna and Lucinda.

Several tractors and wagons provided continuous afternoon hayrides for as many eager adults as there were children. Many of them waited in a line that resembled a stretched-out ribbon.

The beef and dairy cookoff first place winner was Esther Mishler, Hollsopple, with her Mexican Lasagna. Second place was the Sassy Beef made by Judy Rhoads, Stoystown. Third place was Cornghetti, prepared by Michelle Kimek of Hollsopple.

Also hosting the event were state and county queens and princesses who found themselves building the 100 foot hoagie of beef and cheese, and later, serving guests with ice cream sundaes scooped from the giant one they had made with 33 gallons of ice cream.

A celebrity milking contest featured Tim Rigby from WJAC-TV, Johnstown, and Jim Burton, WKYE, radio, Johnstown. Two Walker Grove Holstein cows were tethered at a wagon in the center of the crowding spectators and, in exchange for their cooperation, given plenty of good grain to eat while the fair progressed.

Karl Kaufman, Bedford County, demonstrated sheep shearing on a Romney sheep during the afternoon.

Also available for guests was the barn tour, petting zoo, and machinery displays. Food samples were cheese, lamb, potato chips, and vanilla ice cream topped with pure Somerset County maple syrup. Milk and milk punch samples were available.

Other Somerset County organizations that helped with the event included the Dairy Promotion Committee, Allied Milk Producers, Beef Producers, Maple Producers, Sheep and Wool Growers, and Potato Growers.

Co-chairman for the event were Jay Shaffer, Somerset and Jim Brant, Berlin.



Karl Kaufman, Bedford County sheared a Romney sheep during the sheep shearing demonstration.



Tim Rigby tries to milk a cow in milking contest.



Esther Mishler, Hollsopple won first place in cook-off. (short hair, glasses, shown standing behind a table of food).



Cookoff judges are trying to reach a decision.

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