

Farm Work Is Done And It's Time To Get Married



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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)
 — Some farmers have a difficult time letting their tractors set even when the field work is finished. Such is the case of Eric Herr and Melissa Garber.

The farm work was done and it was time to get married on July 13. The couple not only got hitched but they also hitched up their farm wagon to the Garber's John Deere and hauled the bridal party from the Mount Joy Mennonite Church to the reception held at the Country Table Restaurant along Route 230.

According to reports, Eric used a lot of elbow and polish the tractor for the procession. Straw bales covered with white pella cloth provided seats for the bridal party. The wagon was decorated with silk streamers, balloons, and a sign that read, "The farming is finished — just married - Eric and Melissa."

The bridal party tied a collection of farm-related noise makers to

drag from the back of the wagon. The items included a pair of old work boots, black milker hose, old pesticide container, worn out jumper cables, and other items.

Eric Herr is in farming with his dad Donald H. Herr of Lampeter. They farm 130 acres of which 12 are tobacco, milk 60 dairy cows, and raise steers.

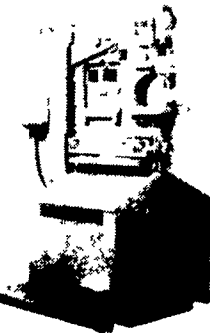
Melissa is the former 1990 Lancaster County Poultry Queen. Her parents are James and Martha Garber of Mount Joy. The family farms 1,000 acres, raises layers and hogs plus operates a trucking division.

The whole wedding was a farmers' event as the 12-member bridal party are farmers or work at ag-related jobs. Four siblings of the bridal couple and 16 nieces and nephews participated in the wedding.

After a honeymoon to St. Thomas, the couple will reside in Strasburg and continue farming, of course.

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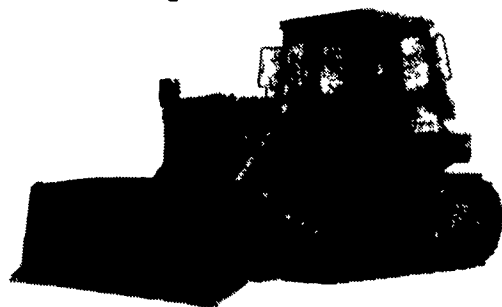
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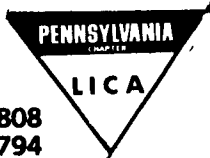


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