

Farm-City Day Success For Butters

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the hour-long tour, with each wagon holding between 20 and 30 people.

Demonstrations and contests throughout the complex informed and entertained from 10:30 a.m. to after 3 p.m. The last wagon tour returned at 4:30 p.m. Yet with all the people there, the grounds were remarkably clean. Elders said, "People were considerate and used the trash barrels. We couldn't continue to hold these Farm-City events if it created a lot of litter."

Among the volunteers who helped with Farm-City Day 1993

were the Morris Fire Department and Emergency Medical Technicians, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Eastern Milk Producers Co-op, Dairy Lea Cooperative, Inc., Middlebury Cooperative, Inc., B & L Portable Toilets, plus literally hundreds of individuals, as well as other businesses and organizations.

The purpose of Farm-City Day, of course, is to bring city folks out to the farm and show them, first hand, how a farmer makes his living. For the Demtshuk family of Philadelphia, the event met its goal.



This determined lad strains his leg muscles against the weight on the sled behind him in the pedal tractor pull.



Cousins Matt Baker, 12, left, and Chad Cassher, 10, both of Wellsboro, kept their cool by playing with kittens in the shade of a machinery shed during Farm-City Day 1993.



The Demtshuk family from Philadelphia enjoyed their first Farm-City Day visit. Pictured with parents Margie and Pete are their children Nick, Angel, and Julla.

"We had never been on a farm before," said Margie Demtshuk, who along with her husband and children enjoyed the day. "We have a weekend home near Hills Creek Lake and we were up for vacation. When we drove by the signs for Farm-City Day we decided to see it."

Their reaction? "We loved it! The tractor tour was our favorite. We especially liked how the wagons stopped and people explained how things worked."

The Demtshuks were also impressed with the farm's size. "For a working farm, I was surprised to see it so nice and clean," said Margie.

Her husband Pete agreed. "Everything is so organized. I'm amazed at the automation they have on this farm," he said, referring to how the cows were fed via a computer reading a chip on their collars. "I guess they need it with an operation this big."

Noting how his appreciation for the farmer has grown, Pete said, "People go to the supermarket every day and don't realize how much work goes into producing the foods they buy. Everyone from the city should tour a farm like this."

While the weather, volunteers, and the crowds helped make Farm-City Day 1993 a success, families like the Demtshuks made it all worthwhile. Elders said, "It was a perfect day."

**TIOGA COUNTY FARM-CITY DAY
1993 CONTEST WINNERS**
Wire Splicing Contest
Don VanVliet, adult category
Jame Phelps, 12-17 year olds

Bale Throwing Contest
Chad Cassher and Bryan Baker, Junior Boys
Blaise Brill and Larry Kshir, Senior men's
Tanya Cassher and Christine Nicholds, Jr.-Sr. mixed women's

Milking Contest
John Antonio, WnBT (Wellsboro) Radio
Pedal Tractor Pull
(with a record 160 entrants)

Girls, age 4-12 respectively:
Julian Butters, Meghan Moore, Krysti Hilfiger, Raquel Loud, Tia Bliss, Renee Booth, Leisa Zehr, Roberta Baker, and Bethany Heyley
Boys, age 4-12 respectively:
Chester Johnson, Jonathan Nienhuesser, Michael Gross IV, Ira Nienhuesser, Kelen Kreger, Jarrod Cowan, Nathan Matts, Tim Gleason, Jody Baker



Using fleece shorn from sheep at the 1992 Farm City Day, Canyon Country Spinners turned the wool into wearable products as spectators watched at the 1993 event. Spinner members pictured are, left to right, Gretchen Taylor and Ruth Cooper of Millerton, Naomi Roy of Troy, and Marna MacKay of Covington.



While recently harvested hay fields provided plenty of parking, several teams of Belgians pulled wagons full of visitors the distance from their car to the hub of Silverlea Farm's activities.



Jamie Zeller of Lawrenceville, a member of the 4-H Wildcats, tends to Angle, a pygora (pygmy/Angora cross) goat owned by Daria Guellig. Angle was part of the hands-on managerie in the children's barn at Farm-City Day 1993.