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family farmer is passing the way of the cowboy and the no-fence, open-range rancher.

There are many involved in the dairy business, in education, and in investments who say that the family farmer is passing into history.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, families living on farms only represent about 1.8 percent or less of the total

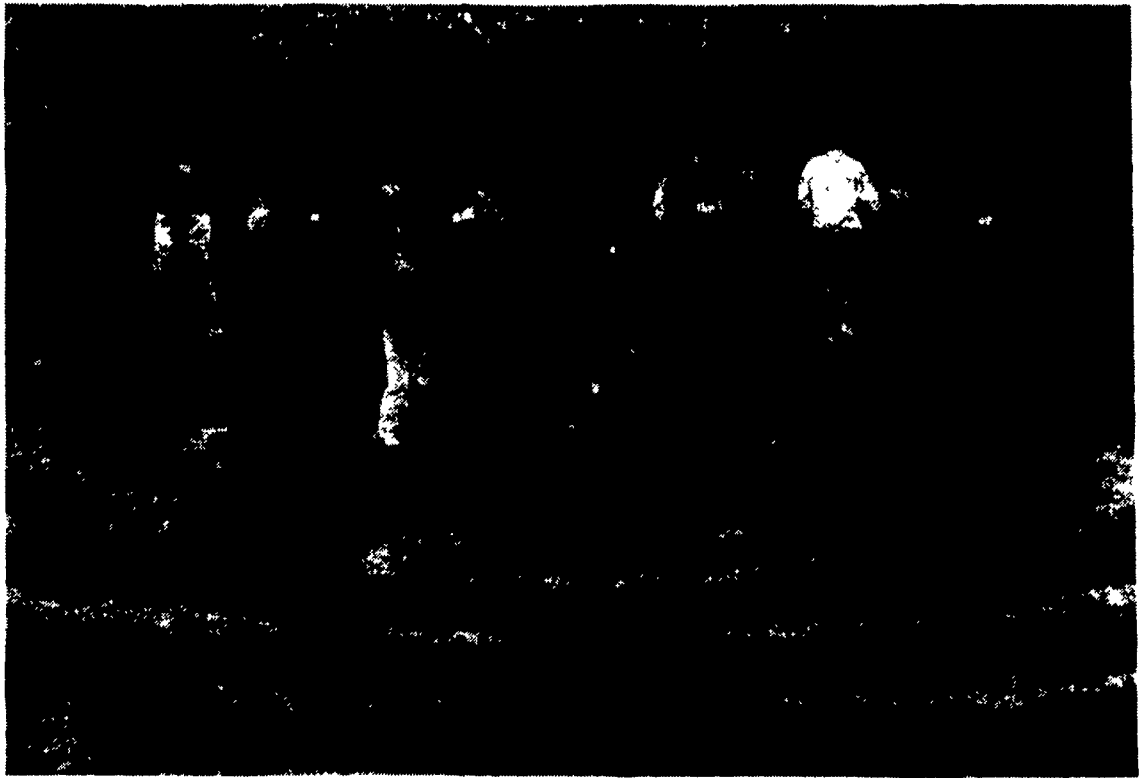
population.

The USDA's own actions — ceasing to conduct the annual survey of family farms because of the diminished number and therefore relevance — may well be the knell for a way of life that traces back for thousands of years for many existing cultures, especially the ones which now call the American continent home.

Today, agriculture is no longer



State Sen. David Brightbill talks to farmers about the development of the Swatara State Park, located in northern Lebanon County, as part of Farm-City week activities.

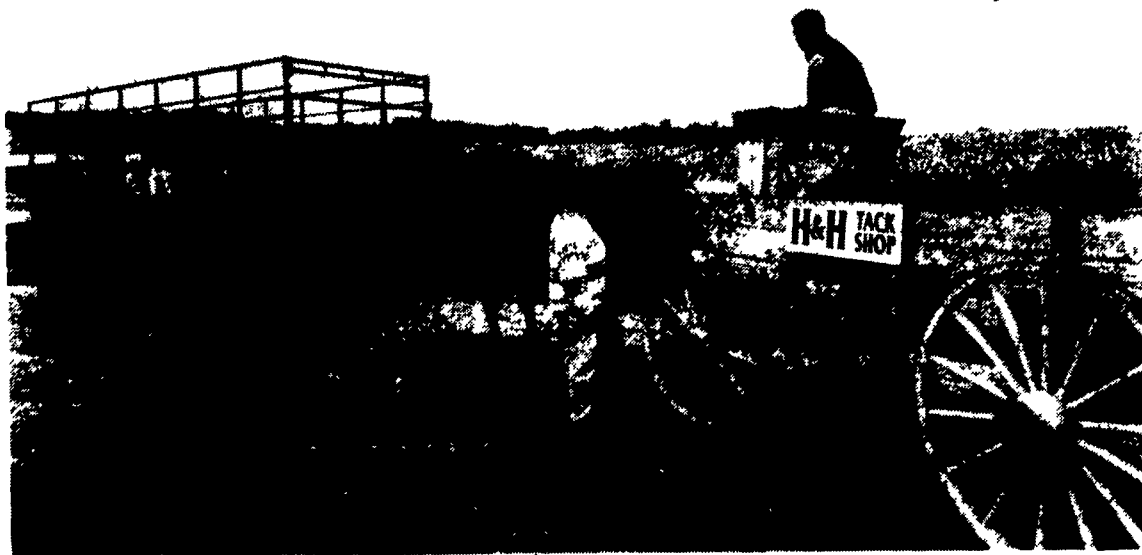


These school children pick their way around a mini-maze cut into ground adjacent to a several acre gaint dinosaur mase, as part of Lebanon County's Farm-City activities.

synonymous with the family farm.

However, whether or not life on the independent family farm may be passing, Farm-City activities do much to show people the truth

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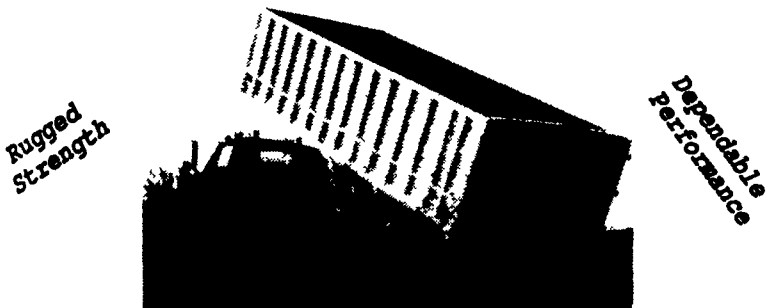


With a wagon load of school children in the lead, Connie Hoffer talks to the driver of an H&H Tack Shop horse-drawn wagon, that was used to give rides to adults during Farm-City activities in Lebanon County.



From the left, Brandon Winebark is Mister Farm-City, while Rachael Meyer, daughter of Kathy and Craig Meyer, Anville, is Miss Farm-City.

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