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 tion, serving as its current president.

For the past several years he has served as chairman of the Lebanon County Fair Dairy Show Committee, and sponsors a trophy for the top dairy animal of the county fair.

But he said he doesn't pressure his son to participate. He doesn't have to.

"You don't have to push them," Dale said about his son and other youth with whom he works as a volunteer 4-H dairy leader.

And Dale said he will help Daryl with competitions "as long as he shows an interest in showing."

On the farm, Dale said that Daryl seems to be growing into wanting to dairy farm.

"He feeds the calves and he's getting interested. There are 15 calves he feeds (once per day) on milk right now. For a 9-year-old,

that's pretty good," Dale said.

Dale said that he provides some instruction for showing, but that Daryl has already picked up much from being a member of the county 4-H Dairy Club.

In fact, Daryl was honored for being the 1993 Outstanding Rookie of the Year for the Lebanon County 4-H Dairy Club.

Kenneth Winebark, Lebanon County Extension agent, said that Lebanon County has a strong adult support group for the youth programs and that Dale is an example. In addition to being a 4-H leader, he has been chairman of the Lebanon Fair Dairy Committee for years.

An ardent supporter of the 4-H program, Winebark said it continues to prove its effectiveness.

"With Daryl entering into 4-H, its to develop life skills and skills to continue in a career," Winebark

said. "The dairy 4-H is of course to promote the dairy industry and a lot (of the youth) end up working in the dairy field.

"Like Becky (Rebecca) Sonnen, who started out as an 8-year-old 4-H member starting to show cows and from that developed into a lot of different areas," Winebark said. "She developed public speaking skills, being involved with dairy judging, being a member of the state dairy bowl team and going to nationals, pursuing a career as an agricultural advocate, being a state dairy princess, and now she works as program director at MAMMA (Middle Atlantic Milk Marketing Agency).

"The 4-H program gives youth that opportunity to excel, to develop career potential and career opportunities. It's much more than showing cows, but that's where it starts for a lot of them," Winebark

said.

He said he will also be watching as Daryl takes to the show ring. But he said he knows that Dale will join him in also watching and checking up on other county youth at the Farm Show.

"I think the Maulfair family is a family that is looked up to, from the standpoint of dairying in our area," Winebark said. "Both come to the showing and are involved in the dairy industry, and now, as 4-H leaders, they've been very, very involved.

"The support from parents and grandparents is what really makes these opportunities available to the kids. And both Dale and Pattie are there to help out not just their kids, but other kids too," he said.

Maulfair is more humble about his involvement, especially showing, and said that it is effective advertisement, but more so, "It

gets in your blood. It's a hobby. It's not a money making thing anymore.

"When your out there it makes you feel good, even to be there. A lot of people get turned away," Dale said.

"It makes you feel good and when you win, you feel even better."

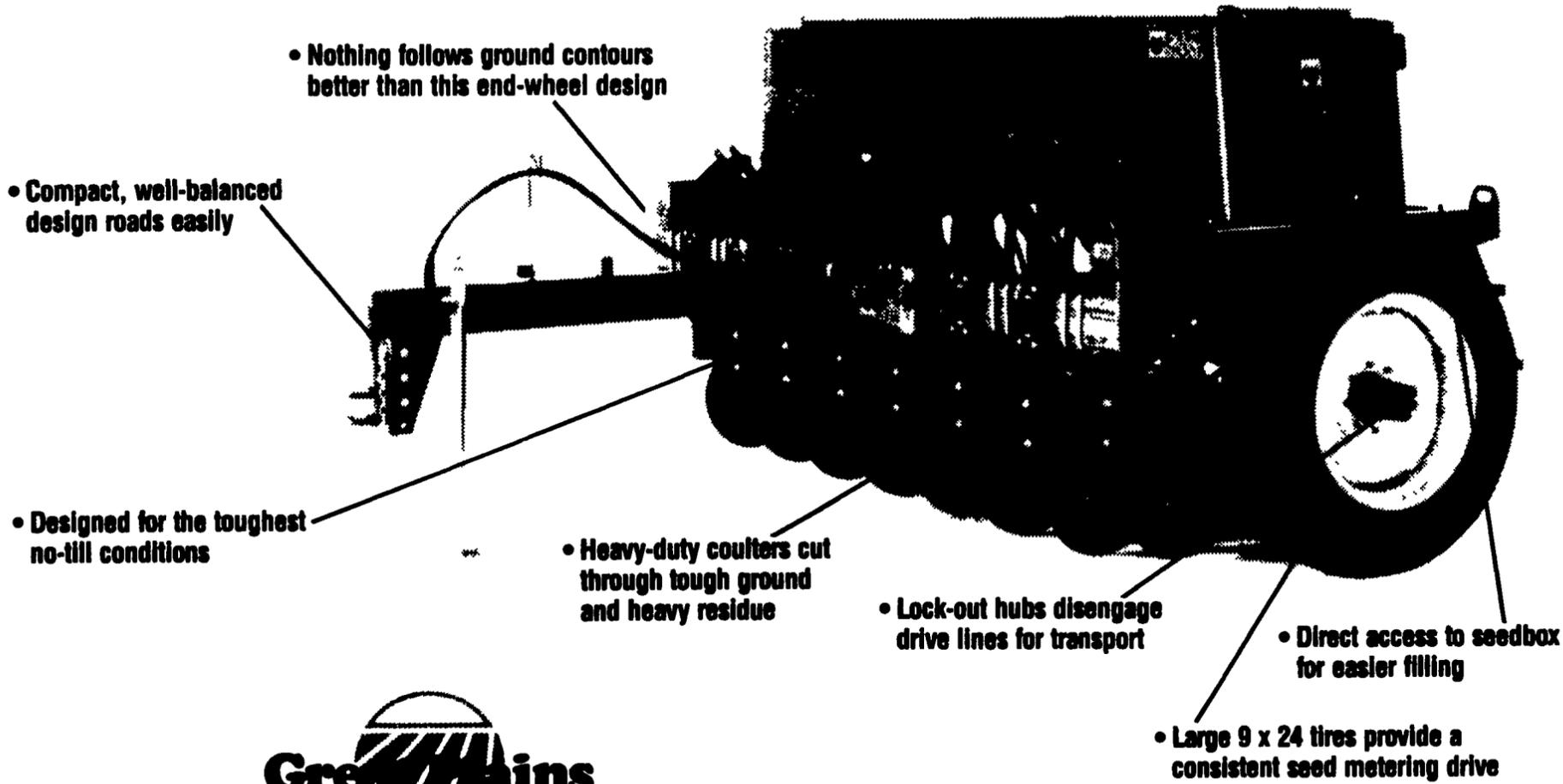
Of course, the Maulfairs aren't the only ones whose child or children will be making a Farm Show debut this week. There are others. Every year.

Even though the number of dairy farms continues to decline and the number of dairy cows continues to decrease, the children seem to still be there, showing cattle, Maulfair said.

"I think the youth are still hanging on. (The dairy shows) seem to be as big as they ever were," he

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