

Bradford Farm-City Day Draws 700 Visitors

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in having a Farm-City event.

"We wanted to inform people that farmers are good neighbors and good stewards of the soil as well as inform the people of the tillage and harvest practices on the farm," explained Les about the tours of the fields. It's also important for the farmers to recognize that some of the mandates and regulations that we sometimes look over our shoulder at are really beneficial for the environment and for the farmer's financial picture."

Les also noted that there seemed to be a lot of young families and kids who were more interested in a hay ride than a lot of technical information.

"We had sort of static demonstrations to show what each machine did in a field. We had both harvest equipment for both dry hay and haylage out there. We also had specialists in crop management and land management. Each tour had a farmer who explained the use of the machinery and tillage tools and concepts. Some of the things that the farmers would mention was the cost of

the equipment so the people would realize the cost of the investments involved."

Amy Wanck noted that "there were more children from town than there were last year. There were more families and little children who wanted to go on a hay ride and pet the animals."

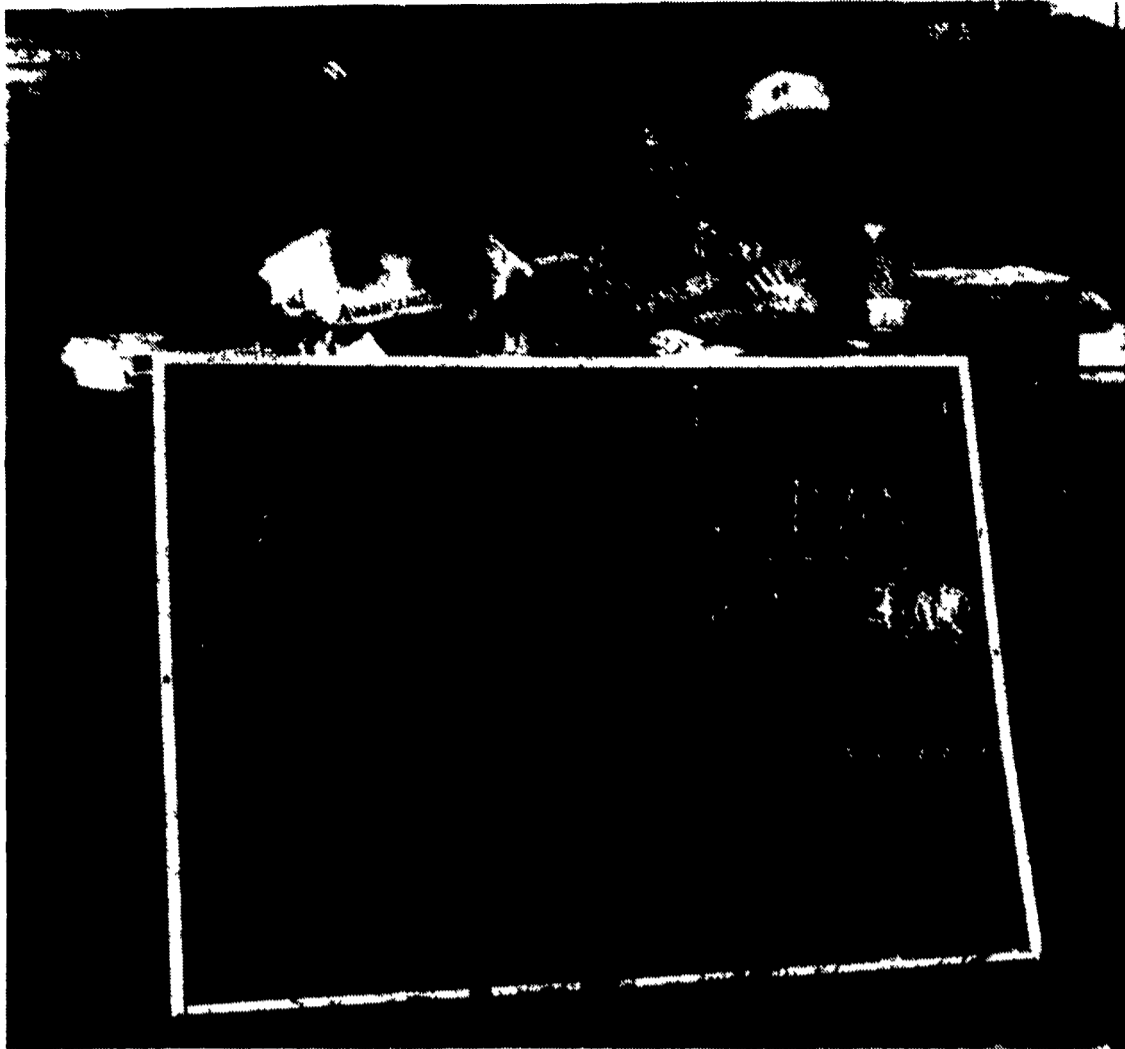
Merle added, "I think we had a somewhat different crowd than last year, last year the crowd was mainly farm people."

All family members pitched in to help make this event a success. Merle estimates that it took the family the better part of four days to get the final details finished and ready for the crowd.

"We were very pleased with the turnout and appreciate the efforts of the exhibitors and the volunteers. They made this event possible and it wouldn't have happened without them."

In addition to being the host family for Farm City Day, the Wanck families also host kindergarten kids from area school districts each year, further spreading the news about farming.

This fall, a committee will select the stie for next year's



Manning the registration table are, from left, Joellen Bresee, Dawn Thrush, Amy Wanck, and Eric Wanck. About 700 visitors attended the event.



The Wanck families pull together to make Farm City Day a success. Pictured, from left, are Les, Kathy, Merle, and Peg Wanck.



Six-year-old Michael Bertrand, son of Michael and Susan Bertrand of Monroeton, shares his favorite cap with this Holstein calf.

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The event was organized by the Bradford County Farm-City Council and the Bradford Sullivan Farm Bureau.

Participants and sponsors included Agway, Dairyland Sales and Service, Ferrario Dodge, SPE, Incorporated - John Deere, Shaffer's Feed, Sire Power,

Warner Case-IH, Atlantic Dairy Cooperative, Dairylea Cooperative, Eastern Milk Producers, Kiwanis Club of Towanda-Wysox, Northeastern Farm Credit, Towanda Rotary Club, Howard Visscher, Auctioneer, Milky Way Dairy, and Pennsylvania DHIA.

Other participants in the event

included the Bradford County Conservation District, Bradford County Dairy Promotion Program, Bradford County FFA, Bradford County Farmer's Union, Bradford County Forest Landowner's Association, Eastern Laboratory, Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, Penn State Cooperative Extension, Pomona Grange and the Soil Conservation Service.



Tom Horton of Towanda demonstrates sheep shearing to the crowd of guests.