

Ag Progress Is "Hot" Spot For Information, Ideas, New Products, Education And More



Donna Pifer, right, and Sarah Mae Reed, both of Reynoldsville, said they have been attending Ag Progress since the beginning. According to the women, they formerly toured farms and even got to see inside some of the homes. They believe that more activities for women were scheduled in previous years. "Sometimes we could go in a room and see one workshop after another without leaving the seat. We learned to decorate a whole house with sheets and how to cook different cuts of meat," Donna said. "No matter how busy are husbands are on the farm, we find time to come to Ag Progress," she said. "It hits our anniversary every year, so this is the way we celebrate." It is the Pifers 38th anniversary.



Benjamin Westover, left, celebrated his sixth birthday at Ag Progress. He is shown with parents Joe and Ginny, and siblings, Aimee, 11; Meagan, 9; Esther, 4, and Josiah, 18 months. The Westovers describe themselves as mini-farmers who live in Belleville.



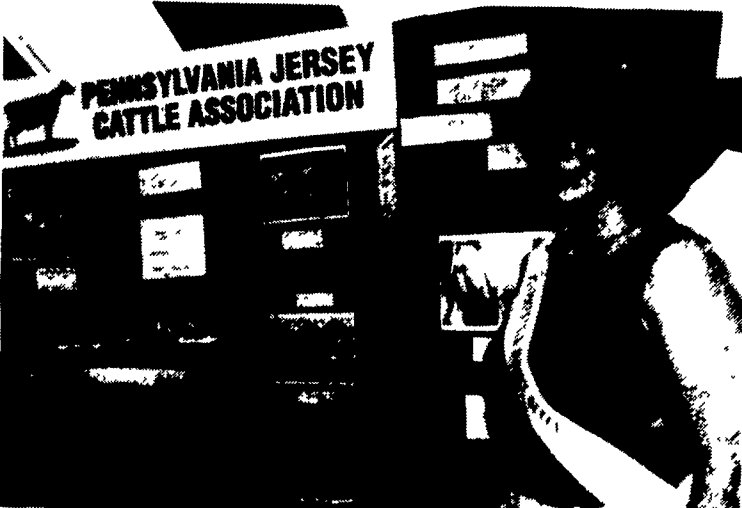
These cousins wore umbrella hats to shade their faces from the scorching sun. Joanna Pecht, right, said that she gathers up as much literature as possible and takes it to her Locks Banks' home for her dad to read. Her cousin is Jody Strausser from McAllisterville.



At the Pasto Agricultural Museum Lina Hood, wife of Lamartine Hood who is dean of the Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences, tells her son Tom and her grandchildren T.J., 7; Emily, 5; Billy, 4; and Cathy, 2, how corn was shelled many years ago.



Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Queen Roxanne Kirst tells visitors about the beef industry.



Pennsylvania Jersey Queen Joy Vance answers visitors questions about the Jersey breed.



A quilting group called Centre Pieces demonstrate piecing and quilting techniques during Ag Progress.