



The newly-wed couple were surprised to find this mode of transportation awaiting them at the church door. The wagon-load of loot included a goat, a sheep, several chickens, a bed room suite and odds and ends to set up farming in the fast lane.

Farming Is Wedding Theme For Former Pa. Lamb & Wool Queen

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GOUGLERSVILLE (Berks Co.) — Remember Amy Sue Eshelman, former Pennsylvania lamb and wool queen and a beef representative?

She just got hitched to David Kevin O'Reilly and moved West to set up farming in Chardon, Ohio.

The couple met at Penn State University from where Amy was graduated in January with a degree in dairy and animal science. After O'Reilly, a graduate of Ohio State University, earned a master's degree in ruminant nutrition at Penn State, the two married and headed for O'Reilly's family farm.

O'Reilly will work full-time on the 350-acre grain farm and part-time as an agriculture extension

agent for Ohio State University. Amy will work full time as a livestock agent for Ohio State.

With all these ties to farming, it is not surprising that the two wanted agriculture to be a strong focus during their wedding celebration. They wanted the day to be unique, one that reflected their efforts.

Amy, who lives on a farm in the village of Gouglersville — the only house with a corn bin in the front yard — started preparations early. Last summer she grew lots of flowers to dry and arrange as bridal bouquets and to attach to the straw hats the bridal attendants carried. She also arranged flowers in baskets and in Mason jars, holding candles for the reception tables. Instead of birdseed for guests to throw at the couple, Amy

tied wheat heads in netting for the guests to throw.

She also made her own bridal gown and flowered dresses for the attendants. Those were skills she picked up from the 4-H sewing club.

The wedding invitations and program guides were illustrated with sheep in a pastoral setting.

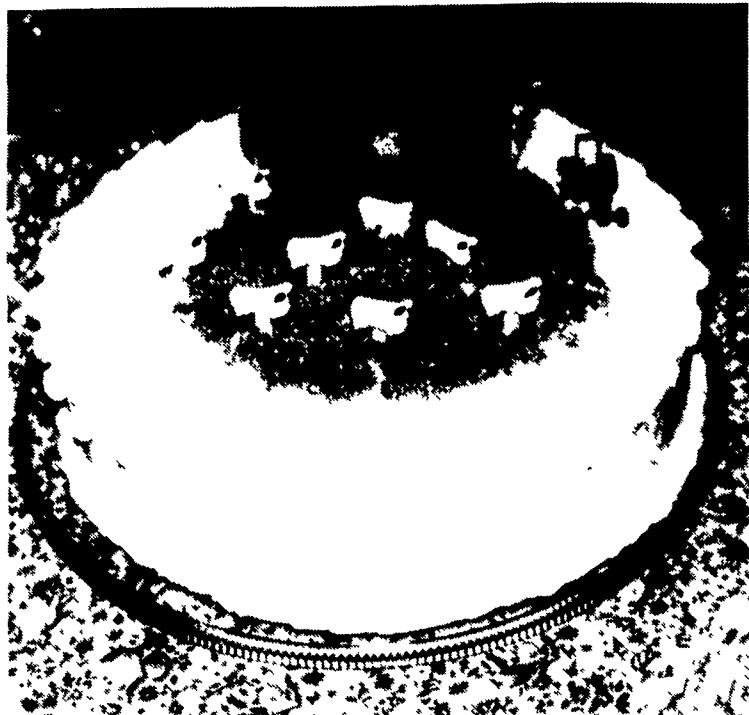
While the couple planned every detail of the wedding, they were in for a surprise when they walked out the church door. Parked in front of the church was a John Deere tractor pulling a wagon full of junk. The wagon held gifts for the couple to start up housekeeping such as a live goat, a sheep, some chickens, and a bed frame.

The couple rode in the delapidated wagon through the town to

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Former Pennsylvania Lamb and Wool Queen Amy Sue Eshelman marries David Kevin O'Reilly, a farmer from Ohio.



This is one of the layers of the wedding cake. The realistic-looking ground was made by crumbling together peanut butter and confectioners' sugar.



Amy pins a corsage on her mother Susan while her father Larry awaits his turn. The Eshelmans operate a beef and grain farm in the village of Gouglersville.