

Delmarva Agrability Project Conducts Survey

NEWARK, Del. — A survey to assess the challenges and needs of farmers with disabilities is being conducted in Delaware and the 10 counties that make up Maryland's Eastern Shore.

The goal of the questionnaire is to gather information so that educational programs and services can be developed that better serve these farmers and their families.

The survey is being sponsored by the Cooperative Extension system of the universities of Delaware and Maryland, the Delaware and Maryland Agricultural Statistics Services, and Easter Seals.

The Delmarva Agrability Project (DAP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help farmers, their families and employees continue to earn their livelihoods in agriculture, is new to the Delmarva Peninsula and

represents a unique partnership between the two universities and Easter Seals.

DAP will provide educational programs and technical assistance to agricultural producers with disabilities as well as promote networking and more collaborative efforts among service providers and health care professionals.

Conditions and disabilities that DAP will address include amputation, arthritis, stroke, hearing impairments, back pain, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, respiratory problems, visual impairments and other physical conditions.

Among the services DAP will provide are equipment adaptation, assessing agricultural work sites and tasks, mobilizing and coordinating services and resources, facilitating rural independent living, coordinating peer counseling, and support groups. Agricultural safety and

Honduran Farmers

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Most of the rural inhabitants farm two to six acre plots. Because work is done by hand, farming is time consuming and hard manual labor. Typically, the Hondurans poke three corn kernels into the soil, take a step and poke three more in the soil for corn planting. This results in lots of bare spots and poor yields.

Despite local agronomists' instruction that corn would grow better if seeds were planted seven inches apart, it is difficult for the people to change. The belief that it is more work to plant seeds indivi-

dually keeps most rural farmers from changing their planting traditions.

Fields planted using tractors will demonstrate the differences in yield.

Binkley and Hurst said the tractors will help these farmers. The tractors will be overseen by an agronomist who works with Mennonite Social Services. He will be responsible for maintenance. For a stipend, small farmers will be able to have their land prepared with the tractor.

Tractors are not completely new to the area. Wealthy landowners

secondary injury prevention also will be a component of the program.

Data gathered through the survey will be used to set priorities and to better design programs specific to the agricultural community. All information

will be held in the strictest confidence.

If you have questions about the survey or the use of the data collected, call project coordinator Ron Jester at 302-856-7303, or contact the Easter Seal case worker toll-free at 877-204-FARM.

use them, but this is the first time, to Lehman's knowledge, that tractors will be available for small farmers in the area.

Lehman and Martin also assisted a group in pouring footers for housing.

An interpreter was on hand to assist in communication between the American visitors and the Hondurans.

Not all the residents in the area the two men visited receive their livelihood from the land. Several women were sewing baseballs in their homes. The women receive about a penny a minute and it takes about 11 minutes to complete a baseball. They complete about 50 balls a day at a time schedule agreeable to them. Most start about 1 p.m. and work until night.

Lehman, a corn planter technician with Binkley and Hurst for nine years, resides in Mechanicsburg area with his wife Mabel. They have seven children, three at home.

Martin, an 18-year employee of Binkley and Hurst, lives on a Lancaster County farmette with his wife Wilma and children.

Lehman is organizing a group of people from the church he attends,

Slate Hill Mennonite, to travel to Honduras and continue to assist in the rebuilding. Binkley and Hurst are interested in helping send a two row corn planter to be used with the tractors. The corn planter could also be used to plant other seeds such as beans.

Lehman is also hoping a cultivator can be shipped to assist the Hondurans.

When the two men were assisting in Honduras, they were impressed that Hector the agronomist had offered to support a 13-year-old boy whose family had lost everything. Hector lives on a limited income. Binkley and Hurst Brothers and their employees offered to help support the 13-year-olds' educational pursuits in addition to the \$1,700 they donated for relief efforts in the area.

Don Hoover, salesman at Binkley and Hurst, explained the company's involvement in relief efforts. He said, "We're asked to bear each other's burdens. It's a fundamental biblical principle to care for those in need and to love your neighbor as yourself."

"It will take years for the people to recover from the storm," Lehman said. "I want to do what I can to help. After seeing the country, I can not forget it."

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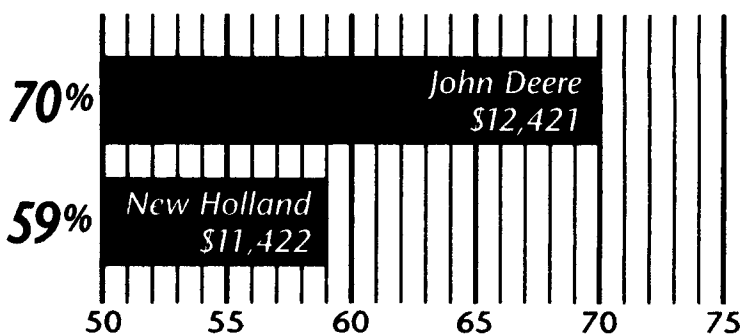
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