



The Logan family eagerly await the Farm Show. From left, Jacob, 12; Ben, 18; Katie, 16; father, Tom; and mother Joann. The family's 80-acre farm has been divided by the Pennsylvania turnpike, with the section that runs between the Irwin and New Stanton exits. In spite of the pressures, Joann said they plan to farm as long as possible. Photo by David Hiebert

Families Eagerly Anticipate Farm Show

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SCOTSDALE (Westmoreland Co.) — Farm families near here are anticipating the state Farm Show in a big way. Busses have been reserved, trailers commandeered, and family vehicles outfitted for the trip to the Harrisburg Farm Show Complex.

Amid lots of holiday activity, show families eagerly talked about the coming event — and what they've done in preparation.

For Will Hilty, Jr., the event is big, since it will be one of his last as a 4-H participant. In quantity it is also big. He has 10 bred gilts of the 55 registered Durocs listed in the catalog. His list of entries includes 12 bred gilts for the open show and sale and two 4-H animals.

The Hilty family has participated in the farm show for more than 40 years, Will's grandfather, James, recalled.

"Will Jr.," he said, "has been going since he could walk." And a fond memory from 1987 came in Will Jr.'s kindergarten days when he showed the championship Hampshire hog at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

Will Jr., who has participated in 4-H for nine years, is a junior at Mount Pleasant Area High School. Will Jr. participates in the Blue Ribbon Ag 4-H Club, with Betty Harr as the adult leader.

Others in the Hilty family planning to attend the show include Will's stepsister, Beth Weber, who will bring a Yorkshire market hog; Will Sr.; and Jason, 6. Grandfather James will stay around the farm to be near his wife, who is hospitalized for complications following a knee replacement operation. The family plans to bring market steers to the show had to be canceled when their animals all matured, and were sold before showtime.

Katie Logan, a 16-year-old from Irwin, is following family tradition in attending the farm show.

The year 2000 will be the third time she's made the trip. And the whole family is going: her parents Tom and Joann, and two brothers, Ben, 18, and Jacob, 12. Katie plans to take a registered Shorthorn market steer.

Katie, who has been showing animals for 8 years, said that the competition on the state level and meeting other 4-H people are the strong points for going to the show. With eight years of 4-H experience, she participates with the Westmoreland County 4-H Beef Club. It meets monthly at the county extension offices in Greensburg. Terry Milowick, New Stanton, is the adult leader.

Katie also talked about the timing for showing. Some of the animals the family took for the county level show were too old when it came to the state show. Ben Logan, her 8-year-old brother, said that to show, an animal should be 16-18 months old and weigh in at 1,200-1,300 pounds.

The Logan family operates from an 80-acre base near the Irwin exit on the Pennsylvania turnpike. In addition to the home farm, they cultivate about 1,000 acres of neighboring property for what is mainly a grain operation.

They also feed out 30 steers a year and maintain a herd of about 20 breeding stock.



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Joann said the farm includes conservation practices in their operation, including strip farming to control erosion, nutrient management, crop rotation, and rotational grazing for their breeding stock.

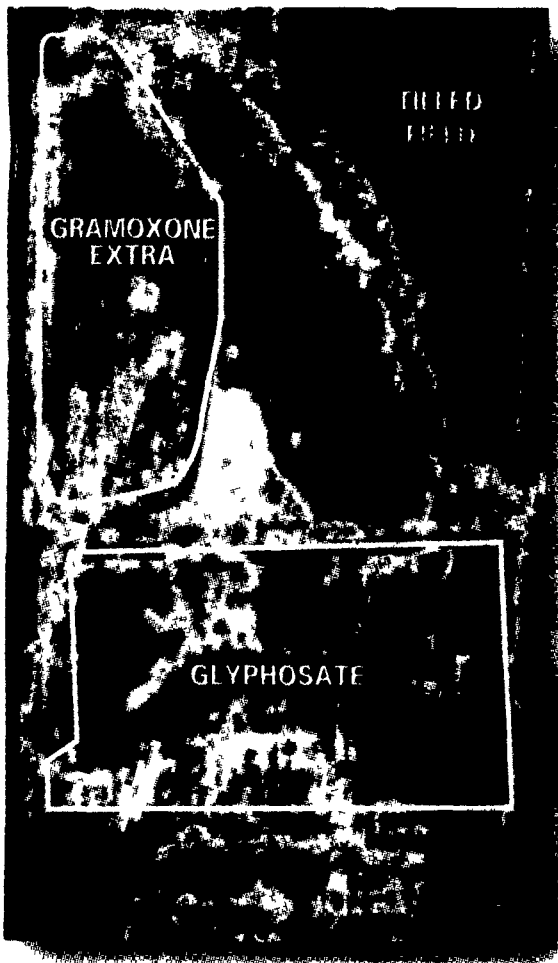
As for the future of farming, Joann Logan, Katie's mother, said because the farm is surrounded by housing developments, they believe they have no place to grow. As children of a farm family the Logans are almost an oddity in their school system. All the prop-

erty around the farm is set for development with city water and sewer. But they plan to farm as long as possible.

One encouragement for young people who show on the state level is an annual \$2000 scholarship, which is available to many farm show participants. To be eligible the applicant must be enrolled in an accredited course of study at an institution of higher learning. According to the web site: Farm Show Facts,

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