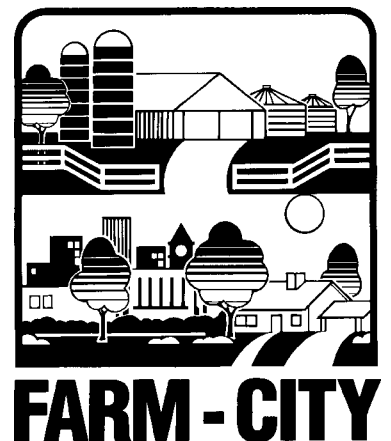


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After It's Over

Thank you notes are always appreciated.

- We have an appreciation banquet each fall to pay tribute to the host family and countless individuals who helped make our Farm-City Day event a success. At the end of that banquet, we introduce the next year's host family and have them give a brief history of their farm.

We each bring a dish to pass along with our own table service. Sometimes we have purchased the meat, other times several committee members furnish meat dishes. Beverage (milk) is provided courtesy of our local dairy cooperatives along with butter and cheese. Coffee and tea are also served. We do not charge for attending the banquet - which is helpful in encouraging entire families to attend. However, a hat is passed for donations to help defray costs of the hall rental.

A plaque is presented to the current year's Farm-City family expressing the committee's appreciation for hosting the event. This serves as a lasting reminder of our gratitude and publicly acknowledges their contribution. The new host family coming on board for the following year has an opportunity to meet a lot of the people behind the scenes and learns how successful the event is in the county. We often have found our new host family has never attended a Farm-City Day in the past - therefore it is helpful if they can meet the committee and hear what has taken place before their involvement.

Don't Forget – The National Farm-City Council has recognition certificates available to present to Farm-City award-winning programs on a state-by-state basis. Recognition plaques are also available to those events judged worthy of national recognition. There are no charges associated with receiving these plaques. All an organization has to do is complete the appropriate recognition forms that are part of the annual Farm-City Program kits. Presentation of these certificates and/or plaques is a great way to provide additional and very special recognition to your volunteers.