

## Educational Exhibit at Perry County & Juniata County Fairs – Summer 2011



Every year since 1954 Perry Valley Grange has taken at exhibits to local fairs. Initially the exhibits were displays of fresh produce and home canned items at the nearby Juniata County Fair. Later these same types of exhibits showing the best of Pennsylvania agriculture and homemaking were entered in the Gratz and Bloomsburg Fairs. By the 1970's when the Perry County Fair was re-organized after nearly 30 years of dormancy, exhibits there and at Juniata County transitioned to educational displays, usually based on agricultural themes. As the number of active farmers in the Grange declined and home preserved foods gave way to those commercially produced, by the early 1980's the agricultural displays at Gratz and Bloomsburg were discontinued.

The 2011 entries at the Perry County and Juniata County Fairs were the 58<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of exhibits by our Grange. Although the modest premiums help to cover the cost of materials, the main purpose is to educate the viewing audience about a given theme. This year's theme was "From Farm Gate to Dinner Plate".