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**WORKING FAST** — Dalia Marom, also known as Crash, left, helps Breanne Fernandez separate the fake grain, while Jory Berger, also known as professor Pruvitt, right, helps Colton Roberson sort grain through a new piece of equipment. Marom and Berger will continue to put on Mad Science Funky Farmworks skits at Wyoming's Big Show.

# Funky Farmworks shows technology in farming

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**ROCK SPRINGS** — Shouts of "Yeehaw" resounded through the Exhibit Hall at the Sweetwater County Events Complex.

The calls come from the audience members who attended the Mad Science Funky Farmworks show at Wyoming's Big Show Thursday afternoon.

Fair goers were able to learn about the technology changes of farming through an interactive educational program. During the skit, children and adults were able to learn how difficult it was to farm in the past and how technology makes farming much easier today.

Dalia Marom, also known as Crash, worked as a farmer on the skit, while Jory Berger, also known as Professor Pruvitt, worked on the skit as the inven-

tor. Another character on the skit was Old MacDonald, a puppet who was frozen for several years and then defrosted in 2004.

As part of the skit, Marom and Berger pretended to give a farming presentation to a group of people, the audience.

At the beginning of the skit, volunteers were asked to participate in harvesting crops for the farm. One of the volunteers had to do the job the old fashioned way — by hand. While the other volunteer got to use a sorting machine, which was like a combine.

Berger showed the audience how technology allows farmers to sort grain faster with a combine.

Next, two other audience members had to help sort eggs. Once again, one of the contestants had to sort eggs by hand while the other rode a bike which

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turned a conveyer belt as she rode.

For a second time, Berger was able to prove how much easier things are with technology.

Finally, two audience members were chosen to milk a cow. However, Troy Brin of Laramie had no idea he was going to be the cow.

Berger had Brin dress in a cow costume and Brin was milked by using a state of the art milking machine, while the other contestant had to milk a cow by hand. It did not take long for Berger to milk Brin, however, the other contestant was having quite a time trying to milk the cow by hand.

At the end of the show, Berger reminded the audience just how important technology is to farmers.

After the show, Marom said the skit is a way to teach people about science, but in a fun way. She said the mad science program started in Canada and has continued to spread across the United States and Canada.

"I love it," Berger said about the

skit. "It's really cool to get kids to learn about science in a fun and entertaining way."

Berger admitted he never liked science as a child, but he enjoys it now and even continues to learn more about science. He said it is nice how technology can help, but not overtake the world.

Marom said it is always nice to have a good positive audience, which is not hard with a group of positive children. She said it is not even like she is doing a show for the children because the children are involved in the show.

"I think it's so much fun," Marom said.

Berger said it is strange how he and Marom are able to educate about 500 children per day.

"Interactive entertainment is a necessity in story telling today," Berger said.

Marom said some of the children like the shows so much they keep coming to them. She said it is also nice when adults and teenage children get involved.

"Then we know we've done our jobs right," Marom said about getting the adults and teenagers to laugh.