Over time agriculture has progressed from manual labor to the highly technological side of agriculture we see today. The American Museum of Agriculture strives to recreate a place where people can come and see where our history came from.

The American Museum of Agriculture is a place that preserves the history of agriculture from the early 1800s to about the 1930s. Lacee Hoelting, director of the American Museum of Agriculture believes that children these days are several generations removed from the farm. She says that even in the West Texas area where agriculture is a major influence.

“Children don’t understand where there food and fiber come from.” Hoelting said.

The American Museum of Agriculture is a place that respects and preserves the heritage with artifacts such as antique tractors, household items, and ginning equipment. “The museum is a place that has the opportunity to educate younger generations so they’ll be more educated adults, more

“Over the past 150 years we have seen an ever declining percentage of the population able to feed the rest of the population and that to me is the success story of agriculture not only in West Texas but worldwide.” Griffith said.

Hoelting says the new building is the first phase of a 6 million dollar venture to expand the museum. In addition to exhibits showing agriculture history, the museum will add exhibits explaining the technology used in 21st century farms. Phase 2 will hold exhibits such as traveling exhibits, and in conjunction, there will be a meeting room, banquet hall, and caterer’s kitchen that will help serve the community and its needs. In Phase 3 the agriculture literacy wing will house classroom space where teachers can come in and teach the younger generations, about agriculture through hands on action.