

Berks County holds Farm-City tour

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BERNVILLE — Berks County citizens had the opportunity once again to visit several farms and

agribusinesses within the county as the Berks County Farmers' Association sponsored their annual Farm-City Week Tour. Participating in the

Sunday program were 12 rural enterprises including several dairy farms, an organic goat farm, a jug store operation, a couple of general farms, a farm

equipment dealer, horse training and breeding farm, mushroom producer, meat market and an orchard.

Cooperating with the farmers' association and helping as tour guides were the county 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America and the Berks County Extension Service.

Roy Christman, chairman of the event estimated the number of people visiting the local farms and agribusinesses reached several hundred. The open

house, which has become a popular annual event is publicized mainly through flyers handed out by the thousands to elementary schools throughout the county. The literature contains the businesses participating in the open house giving brief descriptions and directions to their location. It also contains a detailed map with the locations of the participating businesses and farms marked.

One of the popular stops

listed on the tour was Peter Brothers Meat Market, Lenhartsville. Visitors to this establishment were given a guided tour beginning at the unloading dock where livestock is brought into the market, through the holding barn, slaughter room and on through the processing rooms to the final destination within the store, the retail market.

Tourists were briefed on the different steps involved

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Christman hospitality at Ro-Ria Farms included giving hot chocolate and pretzels.



Tim Peters, guide of Peters Bros. Meat Tour, showed guests the slaughter room and stunning gun used on cattle.

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