

Farming passes in review at Berks Ag Day

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READING — Ag Day 'on Penn Square in the middle of Reading featured Berks County agriculture and enthusiasm.

Held on August 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. dairy, beef, poultry, swine, and crop farmers from throughout the county took a day off to treat city friends to "a bit of

farming." Activities such as cow milking, ice cream eating, and goat dressing proved to be crowd pleasers as large crowds of city folk turned out to see the contests and displays.

Master of ceremonies for the events was Jack Gounder, WEEU radio. Each event was hosted by a county ag group or a 4-H club and

many ag related prizes were given to the participants. Local celebrities as well as enthusiastic city residents joined in the contests and vied their skills in front of the crowds.

In addition to the contests, a petting zoo was available, along with machinery and grange exhibits and 4-H and FFA displays.

Get ready, set, go . . .



Ice cream eating contest is always a favorite with the small fry at Berks Ag Day. Hey, what's he doing in there?

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Ever see a six-foot porkburger? Eastern Pa. Pork Producers whipped one up at Berks Ag Day and offered samples to one and all. Hatfield Packing donated the 108 pounds of pork for the big burger and Agway contributed the charcoal to make it.

And the winner is . . .



Don Meyers, of Kempton, president of the Berks County Holstein Club, eyeballs amounts of milk to determine winner in the cow milking contest at Berks Ag Day.

Getting their goat



This goat dressing isn't as easy as it may sound. Competition at Berks Ag Day is based on speed and neatness. Neatness?

Shucks, this is easy



Dean Heim, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, at the Holstein spigots led his team to cow milking title at Berks Ag Day.

It's not that simple



Berks County Commissioner Anthony Carabello picks a Guernsey in the cow milking contest at Berks Ag Day.