

Erie FFA Studies More Than Animals And Farm Equipment At Farm Show

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LANCASTER — The Pennsylvania Farm Show is one of the highlights of the year for members of Pennsylvania's Future Farmers

of America. For some, the visit is merely a trip to Harrisburg to participate in the state meeting held on Wednesday. For others, the visit involves some very careful planning for a three or four day trip to

the Capitol.

At least two FFA chapters in Erie County make it a yearly project to travel to the Farm Show, but they don't just participate in the FFA meeting and see the latest in farm equipment. They also visit businesses in the area to make their four-day trip truly educational.

The Wattsburg and Fort LeBoef Chapters travel together in rented vans, leaving Erie County early on Tuesday morning and returning late of Friday afternoon.

John Pavkov, advisor for the Wattsburg group says, "We try to make it an educational trip. They learn a lot more from our visits to industries, and they collect packets of information which they share in other classes. They are required to give speeches in English class when they return. Everything is constructive."

In addition to the Farm Show, both chapters visited Ford New Holland to watch farm machinery being built, and Atlantic Breeders Cooperative to learn more about



These FFA students from Erie County included a trip to Atlantic Breeders Cooperative in their visit to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. From left a re: Steve Fenno, Wattsburg Chapter; Eric Sonney, Wattsburg Chapter; and Ronda Hoover, Fort LeBoef Chapter. On the right is Robert Badger, area supervisor for Atlantic who gave the group a tour of the facilities.

artificial insemination. Pavkov event to the group's schedule: eight of his 11 students participated in the square dance competi-

This year he added another

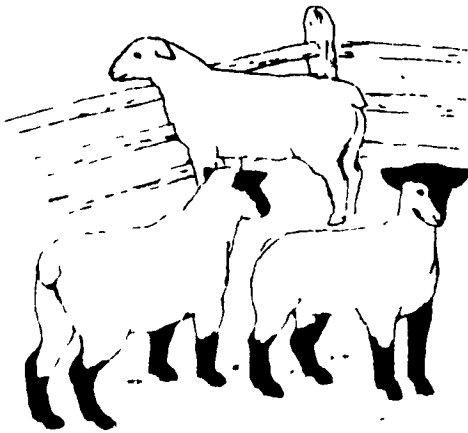
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This group of Future Farmers of America students from Seneca High School in Erie County visited Lancaster County as part of their visit to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. On the left is advisor John Pavkov.

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