

# Kid's KOrner

## Third Graders Discover Sights, Sounds, Scents Of Dairy

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— *Moo and awhh, moo and awhh.*  
No, those aren't the sounds cattle make. Actually, they're a combination of kids and cows — the "awwhing" part comes from wide-eyed third graders.

Last week, about 210 kids from area schools — including Twin Valley and Honey Brook — came to visit Pennwood Farms, operated by Harvey Stoltzfus and sons.

The Twin Valley FFA assisted in the ag class experience as part of their Food for America program, according to Heather Dougherty, FFA reporter.

The first group of kids, from the Twin Valley Elementary Center, were separated into four groups of 15 students each. Students in classes taught by Mrs. Mary Adams, Mrs. Kathy Witman, Mrs. Carolyn Wagner, and Mrs. Eleanore Hart were shown the milk house, the barn, the calf hutches, and the feed area.

The day-long program included

the support of 18 Twin Valley FFA'ers. Each of them had to address a different topic, including taking care of the calves, the feeding program, how to milk a cow, and storing of the milk for shipment.

"The kids are really interested," said Brian McGowan, FFA'er. "Like, how to tell the difference between a cow and a bull. A lot of kids just don't know."

"Last year, the kids went around to different parts of the farm to see the different animals," said Carolyn Wagner, third grade teacher. She said this was her first year at the annual farm tour.

"Here, the kids get to try the milk and some homemade ice cream at the end of the tour," said Eleanore Hart, third grade teacher at the Twin Valley Elementary Center.

Berks County Alternate Dairy Princess Sarah Johnson spoke to the children about the nutritional importance of milk in the diet.

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Sarah Johnson, Berks County alternate dairy princess, spoke to the kids about good nutrition and milk.



Wow, look how big this is! That's the impression Mrs. Eleanore Hart's third grade class at Twin Valley have of the silos on this Morgantown dairy farm.



Kids from Mrs. Carolyn Wagner's Twin Valley third grade class check out the cows in their stalls.



After the tour, the third graders sampled chocolate milk and ice cream.



Steve Harrop, a member of Twin Valley FFA, talks about dairy manure on the farm with kids from Mrs. Eleanore Hart's class.