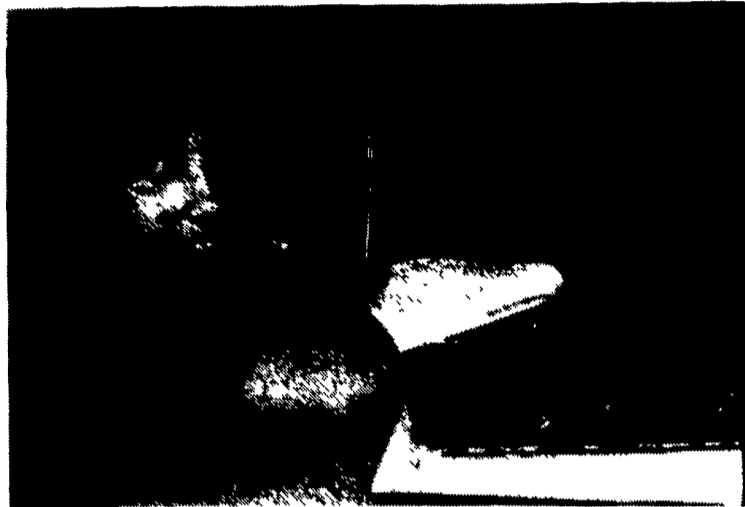


# Kid's KOrner

## Twin Valley Third Graders Learn Where Food, Other Stuff Come From



Lauren Mercer just finished filling out the chart. What animal produces lanolin was a tough question.



Matt Marks answers a question posed by Prof. Animalicious.



Raina Alexa, Twin Valley sophomore and FFA member, right, helps Anna Leinberger fill out the chart.

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ELVERSON (Chester Co.) — Students in Mrs. Wagner's third grade class at Twin Valley Elementary Center were asked:

"What's a male chicken?" The question was posed by Professor Animalicious, noted animal expert and contributing FFA member.

Immediately, one of Mrs. Wagner's group pointed to Matt Marks, designated Class Scholar. He bowed his head, closed his eyes, then looked Prof. Animalicious in the eye and said, "A rooster!"

"You're right!" shouted Dr. Animalicious, portrayed by Jason Redmond, Twin Valley High School freshman and school FFA member.

Along with help from three other FFA members, including freshman Kate Collmann, fresh-

man Holly Smoker, and sophomore Raina Alexa, Prof. Animalicious (Jason Redmond) challenged the third graders on many questions. Most were about animals, and what products are made from them.

As part of the FFA's Food for America program, last week the FFA'ers spent some time going over a chart, asking the third graders if they know where certain products come from.

Did you know what animals lay eggs?

A checkmark next to chickens, ducks, and turkeys.

Did you know glue is derived from pigs?

And where does manure come from?

Well, cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, ducks, and turkeys.

The FFA Food For America team visited other elementary

classrooms throughout the region, including Robesonia and Honey Brook, according to Renee Frederick, who helped coordinate the program.

"Through this activity, the FFA students learn about public speaking," Frederick said. By conducting aspects of the Food for America program in the elementary schools, not only does it provide an education for the third graders about food, but the FFA students benefit from the experience of addressing a group.

According to Mrs. Wagner, learning about animals in this way is used in their school science program.

Also, the FFA'ers brought along a pet guinea pig to show the students. Now, they'll have to give it a nickname.

Maybe Scholar Guinea?

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Third graders from Mrs. Wagner's class pet the pet guinea pig held by Raina Alexa.



Prof. Animalicious (Jason Redmond, Twin Valley FFA member in white coat and hardhat) asks kids about products from poultry.