

"Cows eat better than you or I," Ralph Moyer tells the students who visit his Myerstown farm.



## Children Receive Hands-On Learning At Moyer Farm

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perhaps to eat the grain but not the hay. Human beings like variety in their dinners, but cows need to eat the same diet every day because their stomachs become easily upset. When fresh grain is used, the transfer is done gradually to help prevent the cows stomachs from reacting.

Moyer showed the children the large aspirins that cows are sometimes fed when not filling well.

The large aspirin is much too large for children to swallow. Cows don't like to swallow it either, so a special gadget is used to stick it down the cows throat.

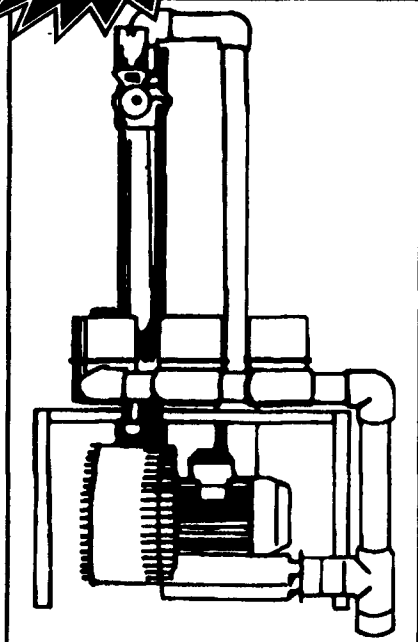
A veterinarian, Staci Hytrek, talked about the care of small animals and the need to have them properly vaccinated and fed the right foods for healthy living.

In addition to the workshops discussed in this article, the following were taught: Caretaker of Water by Buzz Frances of the Berks County Conservation District; Caretaker of Resources by David Varone, Berks County Recycling coordinator; Caretaker of the Community by Tammy Balthaser, Beef Council Industry representative.

The all-day event was sponsored by the Tulpehocken High School agricultural department. Christine Williams, ag advisor, said that the children to learn how agriculture applies to so many different areas of life. She also wanted professionals to teach some of the classes so that students could learn about career opportunities and how everything works together.



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