

Kids Korner



Mastersonville third graders check the pulsation of a milker unit.



Cows waiting to be milked in the Hershey Brothers milking parlor.

Third Graders Attend Classes At Hershey Farm

MANHEIM (Lancaster Co.) — About 260 third graders found the farm is a great place for schooling last week. As part of the social study curriculum, students from seven Manheim schools visited Hershey Brothers Farm operated by Dale, Steve, and Clair Hershey. Groups of students took turns visiting five different learning stations on the farm. At learning station I, Lancaster County Dairy Princess Elizabeth Smith, Alternate Elisa Ranck, and Laura Welk, ambassador, taught dairy nutrition. Graybill's Dairy donated milk for each participant.

Learning Station II, taught by Steve Hershey, was called "Follow the Milk From The Cow To The Tank."

And Learning Station III, taught by Dale Hershey, was in the dairy barn where students heard about "Housing and Feeding Cows."

Derek Hershey lead Learning Station IV in the calf barn, where students were delighted to see the nursery for baby calves.

Clair Hershey taught "Agronomics and Farm Safety," at Learning Station V.

Dorothy Myer organized the four day event. She and her husband Carl live on a dairy farm and

raise potatoes, so she knows the importance that students learn where food comes from.

"I try to pick out the best spokesperson for each commodity," she said.

Assisting in teaching students about farm life was Joe Mayer, agronomist, and Tim Markowitz, sales manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed of Mount Joy.

Carroll Barton, retired nutritionist for Esbenshade Farms taught poultry.

Herb Hoover, buyer for E.K. Bare, showed the students what it takes to grow the perfect potato.

Barry Geib, farmer and sales technician for White Oak Mill taught about hogs.

In addition, each student is given a bagged filled with things to remind them of the importance of farm. The items are donated by local businesses: McCracken's Feed Mill, pencils, G&G Feed and Supply, rulers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myer, litter bags; National Pork Producer's Council, coloring books and bookmarkers, Middle Atlantic Milk Market (MAMMA) coloring books, milk recipe pamphlets, and milk stickers; and Keystone Farm Credit, fact sheets on cows.



Farmer Dale Hershey shows a handful of ground corn stalks so students understand what silage looks like.



Sporting Hill third graders, Heather Eiker, Ariel Seachrist, and Samantha Witmer drink milk after learning that they should drink four servings a day.



Samantha Witmer helps Farmer Dale Hershey demonstrate the position of a baby calf at birth.

Mother's Day Idea

Mother's Day is May 10. Here's an idea to surprise your mother with a special tribute. Write a few sentences telling us what you like about her. Include a picture if you

can. Make sure that you include your name and address.

Submissions will be printed in the May 9th issue but must be received in our office by May 4.

Send the information to Lancaster Farming's Kid's Korner. Attention Lou Ann Good, P.O. Box 609, Ephrata, PA 17522.