

Meet A Cow Day Held At All-American Dairy Show

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The All-American Dairy Show welcomed the public to the first-ever Meet A Cow Day, Sunday, Sept. 24, at the Farm Show Complex. The All-American Dairy Show, Sept. 24-28 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, celebrated its 37th year as it showcases thousands of award-winning dairy animals.

The Penn State University Dairy Science Club members hosted Meet A Cow Day, a hands-on experience for all ages.

The purpose of this dairy adventure was to teach both young and old about dairy cows and the dairy industry.

This dairy journey was divided into four sections. Each section provided fun facts about various dairy issues.

At the first section, participants were able to meet a cow. For Andrew Nauss, 8, of Mechanicsburg and Michael Snyder, 6, of Boiling Springs, this was their first time to touch a cow. As Andrew brushed the cow, he de-

scribed the cow as being much bigger than he expected. "It's soft when I pet down, but not when I pet up," explained Michael.

Andrew attends Northside Elementary School in Mechanicsburg and is in third grade. Michael is a first-grader at W.G. Rice Elementary School in Mt. Holly Springs. For both boys, this was also their first time at the All-American Dairy Show. Erica Davis, a PSU Dairy Science Club Member of Kutztown, introduced the cows to the boys.

Jessica Worobey of Preston Park and Cassie Miller of McVeyton, gave brief facts about milking cows at the second section. For instance, a milking cow produces approximately 100 pounds of milk a day. Jessica told the boys that all cow spots are different. They are like fingerprints, she explained. Both Jessica and Cassie are members of the PSU Dairy Science Club.

Club member Mandy Jewart of Home described the types of feed at the third section of the exhibit.

At the fourth and final section of the dairy journey, PSU member Jane Ansell of Scottsdale explained the types of food products made from milk and the nutritional value of these products. Of course, the favorite among the crowd was ice cream. As a special treat, ice cream cones were provided by Turkey Hill Dairy and given to all participants.

In addition, stickers, pencils, magic sponges and other dairy items were given out to visitors.

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