## **Agriculture Secretary Hosts Farm-City Day Festivities**

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Agriculture Secretary Samuel E. Hayes Jr. welcomed more than 2,000 schoolchildren to the fourth annual Farm-City Day Celebration at the Farm Show Complex on behalf of Gov. Tom Ridge.

"This fourth annual Farm-City Day is the most exciting to date," Hayes said. "Today, these children will experience Pennsylvania Agriculture first hand as they spend the day enjoying our interactive displays, farm animals and exhibits that explain how agriculture is an important part of their daily liver."

Hayes said more than 2,000 children, from more than 25 schools, are taking part in the day's activities. He said the children will learn how to milk a cow, traverse the outdoor hay maze, explore the "Bat House," see bees making honey, feed and pet farm animals, and watch baby chicks hatch.

Several amusement rides, the Lower Dauphin High school Band, and WRBT "Bob" 94.9 radio station also were on hand for the youngsters' entertain-

Students had an opportunity to visit more than 50 hands-on exhibits presented by agribusinesses and agricultural organizations as part of the day's events. Class groups also were able to tour the Keystone International Livestock Exhibition (KILE) at the Farm Show Complex.

"Farm-City Day highlights Pennsylvania agriculture in a way that other events cannot," Hayes said. "By seeing all that is here on display, in one day and in one place, students who might otherwise not have the opportunity to observe how agriculture impacts their lives can spend this time with their teachers and classmates experiencing Pennsylvania agriculture."



Sarah Boyd, Ephrata, holds the halters of her grand champion and reserve market and nonsale champion goats at the Ephrata Fair held recently. Andrew Gerhart, Reinholds, shows the reserve nonsale market goat.

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