

Ag is Cool Essay

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I went to the Ohio State Fair with my family July 25-26 and it was awesome. I learned a lot of interesting stuff about agriculture.

We started at the ODA tent where I got my passport. It was very fun going around and getting stamps. Our first stamp was there. While we were there, we looked at bugs under the microscope.

Next, we went to the Brown Arena sheep barn. There, we got to watch rugs being made from the wool that had been sheared, and we got to keep a piece of wool. Did you know that there is wool inside a baseball? 219 yards of it.

We next went to the O'Neill Building and saw the pigs. I got to pet a baby pig! There was a miniature barn replica in the room with the baby pigs. I learned that the office of a pig barn controls the heat and coolness.

After that, we went to the beef and dairy. We watched the cows being judged. At the birthing center, we saw a baby calf that had just been born.

We then went to the Ag & Hort building and learned about corn and soy beans. Corn and soy are "renewable" resources which can be grown again unlike coal and gas, but 98% of soy and corn go to livestock feed. For example, corn and soy mixed together make the food that we feed our beef cows. We also got to see baby ducks and chicks in an incubator there also.

Last we went to the Poultry Pavilion. Someone had made a poster using 21 eggs to show what each day of the hatching process looked like inside the egg. The man at the station said that when the chick absorbs the yolk, it can live for 3 days—that's how they can send them off and not have to worry about feeding the egg while traveling. I thought the poster was amazing!

We ended the day back at the ODA tent, getting coupons for popcorn for the stamps that we had collected. The fair was fun and I learned a lot. I had a great time and Ag is Cool!