

Hi! My name is Stella Geis-Moffitt, I just completed fourth grade at Columbus Gifted Academy in Franklin County, Ohio, and I LOVE AG! Did you just ask, "What is AG?" Well, I'll tell you! AG stands for agriculture, and at the Ohio State Fair, the AG is Cool! program teaches kids about agriculture! The first place I went to with my friends Amelia and Kira when we got to the fair was the ODA tent just inside of the Cardinal gate. That is where we got our AG is Cool! passports. We learned that Putnam County has the highest number of historic family owned farms. Those farms have been owned by their families for at least 100 years. That's more than a century! Next we went to the AG & Hort Building where we learned that there are around 3,500 uses for corn. I never knew so much could be done with one thing! I also learned that I wouldn't want to have a soy allergy. Why, you ask? Because crayons, lip balm and shampoo are all made out of soy! I'd thought that crayons were made of wax. The funniest fact I learned was that the Ohio State University's 1926 Homecoming Queen, from my county, Franklin, was a Holstein cow named Maudine Ormsby!

When Amelia, Kira, and I arrived at the Dairy Products Building, Amelia shouted out, "Look! It's a BUTTER COW!!!!" We got ice cream and then walked to the OMVA Veterinary Education Center where we learned that a dairy cow can produce 128 glasses of milk per day, assuming that each glass is 8 ounces. We also learned that the average gestation period for a cow is 283 days, three days longer than for humans! After seeing a few cute calves, we went to the Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center and learned that 2,000 servings of beef come from one head of cattle. One cow could supply you with enough beef to last a year or longer!

I have four chickens at home, Anchikela, Eggliza, Pecky, and Maya, so of course I wanted to see the poultry at the fair. We learned that turkeys are even louder than my chickens. Additionally, Mercer County and Darke County, where my grandparents live, have the most layer chickens in the whole Country! Can you guess where I went next? Here's a hint. BAAA!!! BAAA!!! BAAA!!! BAAA!!! You got it—the Brown Sheep Building! Sheep that are shaved don't look like they weigh a lot, but they eat 2 to 4.5 pounds of feed a day! That sounds like a lot of feed to me!

Last but not least, Amelia, Kira, and I went to the O'Neil Swine Building. What does a pig have for lunch? If you answered "Leftovers," guess again. The correct answer is corn and soybeans. As it turns out, I love corns and soybeans. I guess I would be fine being a pig, as long as I didn't become meat!

Thank you Ohio State Fair and AG is Cool! program for providing AG is Cool! passports, and allowing me this awesome experience! My name is Stella Geis-Moffitt, and this has been my AG is Cool! adventure.

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COMPLETE YOUR PASSPORT BY FILLING IN THE BLANKS.

Ag is Cool representatives and colorful signs will help you find your answer. Don't forget to take notes for your essay, due August 31!

Beef

(Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center, Heritage Hall)

How many servings of beef come from one head of cattle, or one cow?
2,200

Ohio Veterinary Medical Association

(OIMA Veterinary Education Center)

What is the average gestation period for a cow?
280

Corn & Wheat

(Agr/Hort Building)

How many uses for corn are there?
3,500

Poultry

(Poultry Pavilion)

Which two counties in Ohio have the most layer chickens in the entire country?
Lorain and Franklin counties.

Dairy

(OIMA Veterinary Educational Center)

On average, how many glasses of milk does a dairy cow produce each day?
28

Sheep

(Brown Sheep Building)

How much does a sheep eat daily?
2 to 4.5 pounds

Ohio Department of Agriculture

(OAR Tent, just inside Cardinal Gate)

Franklin county has the most historic family farms that have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years.

Soy

(Ag & Hort Bldg.)

Name three products that are made with soybeans.
Soybean and Soybean Oil

Swine

(O'Neil Swine Bldg.)

A pig's diet is made up mostly of corn and soybeans

Ohio Farm Bureau/Land & Living Display

(Ag & Hort Bldg.)

The name of my county is: Franklin. One amazing fact about my county is: 100% OAR Market.