

Once upon a time, in the Great State of Ohio, a young girl named Gabby went on an agricultural adventure. The adventure began when my parents decided to take me to the Ohio State Fair! I was so excited, I couldn't stop jumping and screaming. When we left to go to the fair, it felt like it took 5 days. However, it only took 2 and a half hours to get to Columbus. When we finally got to the parking lot, I couldn't sit still. After we parked, I got right out of the car and started rushing my parents so that we could get into the fair. We finally got in and I saw the giant cardinal. I stopped in my tracks because I was in awe on how big and beautiful the cardinal was. I couldn't wait to go into all the barns and see all the exhibits. My adventure began with the AG is Cool tent because I wanted to play all the games, and read all the interesting facts about animals and farming. I signed up to do a scavenger hunt and write an essay that gives me a chance to win a \$500 scholarship. I found my first answer right where my adventure began. My first answer was that Putnam county has the most historic family farms that have been owned by the same family for at least 100 years. When I left Ag is Cool, the first stop on my scavenger hunt adventure was the Voinovich Livestock and Trade Center, Heritage Hall, where I learned that one head of cattle or one cow can produce 2,000 servings of beef. This stop let me look at a variety of different cattle breeds which I thought were pretty cool. The next stop was the OVMA Veterinary Education Center where I learned that the average gestation period of a cow is 283 days and I also learned that on average a cow can produce 128 8oz glasses of milk a day. This stop let me look at cows that were due to have a baby any day. I also got to pet some newborn calves named, Moe and Joe. They were so cute and soft that I wanted to take them home, but my parents wouldn't let me. Another thing that I did, was milk a cow which was super cool and fun. The next stop was the Poultry Pavilion where I learned

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that the two counties in Ohio that have the most layer chickens in the entire country are Darke and Mercer. This stop, I got to look at many breeds of poultry including ducks in the Quack Shack. It was so much fun to sit and watch the ducks play in a pool and run around chasing each other. The next place I went was the Brown Sheep Barn where I learned that a sheep eats 2-4.5 pounds of food, a day. This stop I found out that there are lots of breeds of both sheep and goats. I also went into the shop where I got to take a bag of sheep's wool. My next stop was the O'Neill Swine Building where I learned that a pig's diet is made up of mostly Corn and Soybeans. This stop also made me realize that there is not just one breed of swine. I got to see Marvelous the giant pig, whose favorite food is donuts. Boy was Marvelous stinky! I also saw the litter of baby piglets and their mom in the shop. My last stop was the Ag. and Hort. Building, where I learned that there are 3,500 uses of corn, and that my county (Jefferson) had the first federal land office. Lastly, I learned that three products that are made with soybeans are: crayons, lip balm and shampoo. At this stop, I got to pet Pomeranians at the Pomeranian rescue, play Cowabunga, play Risk the Ranch, go shopping at a mini grocery store, plant a sunflower with the US Department of Agriculture and get my picture taken at the Land and Living Display. After the scavenger hunt I got a free ice cream cone as a reward for all of my hard work. However, my adventure didn't end there, I also went to see Smokey the Bear, go kayaking, check out many booths and buildings, see the butter sculptures, look at the art exhibits and eat at the Taste of Ohio Café. Although I did so much, my favorite part of my agricultural adventure was still the scavenger hunt because I love walking around the fair and learning about farming and all of the animals.

Thank you so very much for reading my essay about Ag is Cool. I just want to say that I think that Agriculture is: **Amazing, Great, Incredible, Super, Clever, Outstanding, Original, Lovely.**

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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?

2000

Corn & Wheat

(Ag/Hort Building)

How many uses for corn are there?

3500

Dairy

(OVMA Veterinary Educational Center)

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

26, 8 ounce glasses

Ohio Department of Agriculture

(ODA Tent, just inside Cardinal Gate)

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

Ohio Farm Bureau/Land & Living Display

(Ag & Hort Bldg.)

The name of my county is:

Jefferson One amazing fact about my county is 1st Federal land office

Ohio Veterinary

Medical Association

(OVMA Veterinary Education Center)

What is the average gestation period for a cow? 283 days

Poultry

(Poultry Pavilion)

Which two counties in Ohio have the most layer chickens in the entire country? Darke and mercer counties.

Sheep

(Brown Sheep Building)

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

Soy

(Ag & Hort Bldg.)

Name three products that are made with soybeans Crayons, lip balm and Shampoos

Swine

(O'Neill Swine Bldg.)

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