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Ag is Cool!!

At the Ohio State Fair, I learned a lot of things about agriculture. I learned things about Poultry, Corn, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, and Soy too! I'll share all of the cool information I learned, and about all the fun I had.

When I got my passport, I was at the Ohio Department of Agriculture tent. While I was there, I learned that about 20 footballs can be made from one cowhide! I also got to throw a football, played a sports jeopardy game, and played mini golf.

After I went to the ODA tent, I wandered over to the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association Center (or the OVMA). There, I learned that the average body temperature of a cow is 101.5°F which would be a high fever in a human. I also learned that a cow drinks about a BATHTUB of water a day! Wow!! I got to milk a real cow, too!

I went to the Ag/Hort Building, and learned that an ear of corn averages about 800 kernels in 16 rows. I also got to drive a combine simulator, and learned that a combine harvests soybeans in the fall. I learned a cool fact about my county as well! I live in Tuscarawas County, and I learned that we are the center of the Swiss Cheese industry. I've visited some of the State Fair winning cheese companies, and tasted their cheeses! YUM!!!!

I also went to the Poultry Pavilion, and found out that the average hen lays 300 eggs in a year! That's a lot of mouths to feed!

After we went to the Poultry Pavilion, we went over to the O'Neill Swine Building, and learned that barns protect pigs from predators and harmful weather. I also saw a baby pig! It was SOOO cute!!

We drifted over to the Brown Sheep Building, and looked at all the adorable sheep. One sheep's family let me pet their sheep! It was so soft! I learned that raw wool can go through up to 70 processing steps to make sure it has the best quality.

Lastly, we went to the Voinivich Livestock and Trade Center, and learned some astonishing facts about beef! Cattle byproducts are used in things like sports equipment, medical products, to even deodorant and soap!

My favorite activities that I did at the Ohio State Fair were watching the Pig Races and kayaking at the Natural Resources Park!

I learned so many cool things at the Ohio State Fair, and I LOVED doing the "Ag is Cool" Program.