

4th Grade Ag Day



The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Women's/Ag-in-the-Classroom committee and the Prime Beef Festival sponsored their annual Agricultural Education Day for kids on Friday, September 10th at Fairview Center United Methodist Church outside of Monmouth. Approximately 90 fourth grade students from ICS and United school districts attended this annual event.

During this morning program students rotated through seven different stations where they learned about the various agriculture topics: Machinery; Soils & Fertilizer; Soybeans; Corn; Beef; Pork; and Sheep.

Jared Kunkle of the Monmouth area taught the Machinery Station. He spoke to students about how crops are harvested and went over the different parts of his combine to show students first-hand how the grain gets picked. Teaching Soils & Fertilizer were Joe Greenstreet of the Roseville area & Anna Sharp, Ag Education Coordinator for the Warren-Henderson Ag Education Partnership. Roseville farmer Michael Moore talked to students about soybeans and their growing cycle. Chad & Craig Long of Monmouth talked to students about corn and its different plant parts. The animal stations included lessons about the caring, feeding, and showing of each respective animal. Teaching the beef station was Jill Cook, University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator. 'Jesse' the bucket calf was there to greet students when they came to the beef station. Sue Bertelsen of the Little York area taught the swine station and was able to showcase a hog brought by Kendall Shimmin. Robin Corzatt from the Roseville/Berwick area and her daughter Mallory taught the students about sheep and brought a 2-week old lamb for the kids to see. The lamb's name was 'Fancy', she loved all the attention.

The Farm Bureau and PBF hold this event to show children different aspects of agriculture and give them have a better understanding of an industry that is all around us. We look forward every year to hearing the questions students have for presenters.

We are very appreciative of the speakers, group leaders, and others who volunteered their time and/or equipment to make this program such a success: Sue Campbell, Pastor Mark Canada, Rachel Gibson, Stan Jenks, Nancy Martin, Linda McGuire, Deb Moore, Lori Schrock, and Donna Spears. We would also like to express our gratitude to Fairview Center United Methodist Church for allowing us to host Ag Day at the church and the Prime Beef Festival for their help in organizing & supporting this program every year.



Robin and Mallory Corzatt taught the sheep station with the aid of two-week old 'Fancy' (who as a big hit) at 4th Grade Ag Day for Kids on the morning of September 10th.



Sue Bertelsen interacted with a group of 4th graders while detailing the responsibilities of raising hogs. Pork was one of seven ag stations students rotated through at Ag Day for Kids, held at Fairview Center United Methodist Church outside Monmouth.