

## Kids' Farm Adventure Opens Eyes

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Ask some kids where their food comes from and they may respond, “The grocery store.” Wait a minute – let’s back up a few steps.

Kids' Farm Adventure is an annual event in which Purdue Extension is a main player, but certainly not the only one. The agriculture and natural resources Extension Educator played a key role in organizing and leading the organizing committee, and in communication with schools. All the Purdue Extension Educators in the Grant County office assist with this program, and other key players include Farm Bureau, Eastbrook Young Farmers, Eastbrook and Oak Hill FFA, area farmers, Farm Credit Services, Farm Service Agency, and Soil and Water Conservation District.

Kids' Farm Adventure is an event open to every first grader in Grant County, and additional effort is made to try and reach home schooled children. Various animal, equipment, and agricultural product displays are available; and a sheep shearing demonstration is one of the highlights. FFA members serve as group leaders for youth. The event coincides with national Ag Day, and the goal is to create awareness and understanding of agriculture among youth and teachers. 937 youth and 122 teachers/adults participated in the program March 19-20, 2008.

From kids' reactions observed from the moment they entered the 4-H pavilion at the Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, eyes were definitely opened!

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