

Lehigh County Agriculture Education Day Brings the Farm to Allentown Students

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Allentown, PA— The Great Allentown Fair and the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, passionate supporters of local agriculture, are partnering with the Lehigh County Granges, Lehigh County Farm Bureau, and the Penn State Agricultural Extension and 4-H Program to educate fourth-grade students from four Allentown School District elementary schools about agriculture.

The fourth annual Lehigh County Agriculture Education Day will take place Tuesday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 22 at the Agri~Plex on the Allentown Fairgrounds. Fourth-grade classes from Ramos, Lehigh Parkway, Hays, and Mosser Elementary Schools will rotate through eight interactive stations designed to provide hands-on, life-science learning experiences.

At the conclusion of the 2025 Agriculture Education Day, close to 1,400 students will have taken part in this program, gaining a better understanding of where their food comes from, and learning about the vital role agriculture plays in their community.

Students will explore stations on dairy, plants and vegetables, honey, sheep, eggs and poultry, apples, equine, and an Allentown Fair station highlighting the history of fairs and the excitement of competing for blue ribbons. Experiences include practicing agricultural tasks, witnessing a sheep being sheared, and petting a pony. Students will leave with a better understanding of where their food comes from, the importance of agriculture as an industry, and the meaning of "farm to table."

Beverly Gruber, Executive Chairman and CEO of the Lehigh County Agricultural Society, emphasized the event's mission:

"Our goal is to make agricultural education accessible and engaging for everyone. Now in its fourth year, this event is not only enjoyed by students but also by all the volunteers, faculty, and staff who make it possible."

Through this joint effort, the Society, Fair, and their partners are bringing a touch of the countryside to city schools in a fun, educational setting.

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