



Farm Show Detectives

Have you ever wondered where milk comes from? Or how important bees are to us and the food that we eat? What about how much can be grown on an acre of farmland? Discover all of this and more when you become a **Farm Show Detective**. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and Turkey Hill, this unique program lets young people and their families learn about Pennsylvania's number one industry – agriculture – in a fun, engaging way. With a special map to guide our detectives and interactive stations throughout the complex, this is a great way to experience the Farm Show. Stations are staffed from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Farm Show Detectives will have the opportunity to investigate:

4-H – “Learn by doing” is the 4-H motto. Stop by the station to find out about the youth program, how you can get involved and celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Alpacas – Have you ever seen an alpaca? Come visit one and investigate what products come from this versatile species. We bet you'll be surprised.

Apples – You've heard the saying, “An apple a day keeps the doctor away,” now visit this station to learn fun facts about Pennsylvania apples and investigate the role they play in a healthy diet.

Bees/Honey – What do bees have to do with our food? Discover the connection when you visit this station and find out about the important work bees do to help feed us.

Beetles and Bugs – Can you recognize an Asian Long Horned Beetle? Or an Emerald Ash Borer? Or a Walnut Twig Beetle? You will be able to after visiting this station! Once you can identify these invasive species, you can play a part in protecting our valuable forests.

Butter Sculpture – Visit one of the most special sights at the Farm Show and investigate how an entire scene was sculpted out of butter.

Dairy – You can investigate why dairy is so important to our state and our bodies. Team up with the Pennsylvania Dairy Princesses and promotion organizations to learn how farmers take care of their cows.

Edible Nuts – You've sung about “chestnuts roasting on an open fire,” but how much do you really know about the edible nuts grown here in Pennsylvania? Come meet with edible nut growers and learn more about this delicious industry.

Farm Equipment – Interested in the machinery that plant and harvest the food that ends up on your dinner plate? Feel the power with a close-up look at tractors and other farm implements.

Goats – Want to meet some other “kids” at Farm Show? Can you identify the different breeds of goats? Here’s your chance to find out about these amazing animals.

Horses – How big are horses? Investigate the size of horses and learn about these noble creatures. Detectives can see how high they are in horse hands and will have an opportunity to say hello to a new equine friend.

Mushrooms – Pennsylvania is the mushroom capital of the world. From button to shitake, learn about the many varieties and how they play an important role in our diets.

PA Department of Agriculture: Farmland Preservation and Food Safety – Come investigate how to keep the food you eat safe and how Pennsylvania is leading the nation in farmland preservation.

PA Farm Bureau – Learn about the different breeds of sheep and how the Farm Bureau works to help Pennsylvania farmers through legislation and programs.

Poultry – Do you know how chicks are born? Come watch a chick hatch and see ducklings use a sliding board to get treats.

Rabbits – Hop on over to meet many of the breeds of rabbits raised in Pennsylvania. You’ll be able to meet rabbit owners, see special angora wool spun, and make a new furry friend while you’re at it.

Shavers Creek Environmental Center – Learn about Pennsylvania’s native, natural environment at the Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center station. See owls, raptors, snakes, turtles and other animals up close.

Sheep – Did you ever wonder what wool feels like? At this station, see and touch a wooly sheep then watch how wool is spun into yarn to make a sweater.

Today’s Agriculture: Swine and Beef – Find out how beef cattle and swine are raised in Pennsylvania in this new modern agriculture display.

Vegetables – What are red, green, orange, yellow and good for you? Pennsylvania vegetables! See what veggies you can detect at this station and find out how to work them into your diet.

Veterinary Medicine – Ever wonder what the x-ray of a cow or horse looks like? Find out at this informative station and learn how veterinarians help care for our farm animals.

WoodMobile – How do we keep Pennsylvania’s forest growing and protect it against invasive species? Come find out. Pennsylvania is first in the nation in producing hardwood lumber, and in the WoodMobile you can investigate the role of forest products in our lives.