



April 8, 2009



Third Grade Children Arrive



Carly Woolfolk –Nottoway High School Ag Teacher and FFA Leader- talked about horses and their tack



Melinda Roark, Nottoway FFA – letting the students pet “Ranger”



Katie Martin, Virginia Cooperative Extension – discusses Virginia field crops and asks the students to match the plant with it's seeds



Dairy Station, Coley Clark and Eric Johnson from Richlands Dairy Farm – talked about cows, milk production and farm life



Richlands Dairy Farm milks both Holstein and Jersey cows and brought a calf of each breed



Students had the opportunity to milk the “no-kick-cow”





Jimmy Maass, Farm Bureau – speaks with students about ATV safety



ATV Safety – Your brain is important - take good care of it!



Robin Buckalew and Paula Totten, Soil and Water Conservation District - showing children the different layers of soil and the importance of water and soil care



Soil Tunnel - Some of the many things grown and found in soil. Students were able to crawl under this table and see soil from below the surface.



Hannah Hudson, Blackstone Primary School – crawling through the soil tunnel



Charlie Wootton from the Soil and Water Conservation District demonstrating soil erosion



Amy Haynes and Jennifer Jones, Fort Pickett Environmental Offices – taught the children about composting at home with red wiggler worms



Mrs. Wilson's Third Grade Class – holding some red wigglers used to compost kitchen scraps and turn it into nutrient rich soil with “vermicomposting”





Compost Bin- Filled with damp paper and food scraps for worms to eat and turn into compost



Water Cycle- Maggie Shepherd, Nottoway FFA – the children made wristbands with colored beads representing the different parts of the water cycle



Fun Facts –at this station students matched facts and figures about local and state agriculture



Lunch Break!



Kevin Camm, Virginia Cooperative Extension and Adam Biddle, Nottoway FFA – demonstrate the use of an inclined plane at the Simple Machines station



Simple Machines - Lever



Simple Machines – Wheel and Axle



Michelle Cole – talked about and had on display many different products that come from sheep





“Baby Girl” loved all the attention. The children could feel the lanolin (oil found in sheep wool) on their hands after petting her.



Hylton Haynes, Forestry Dept. of Fort Pickett – an acre was marked so the students could see how big an acre really is



Forestry Station – using different tools the children were asked to measure an acre



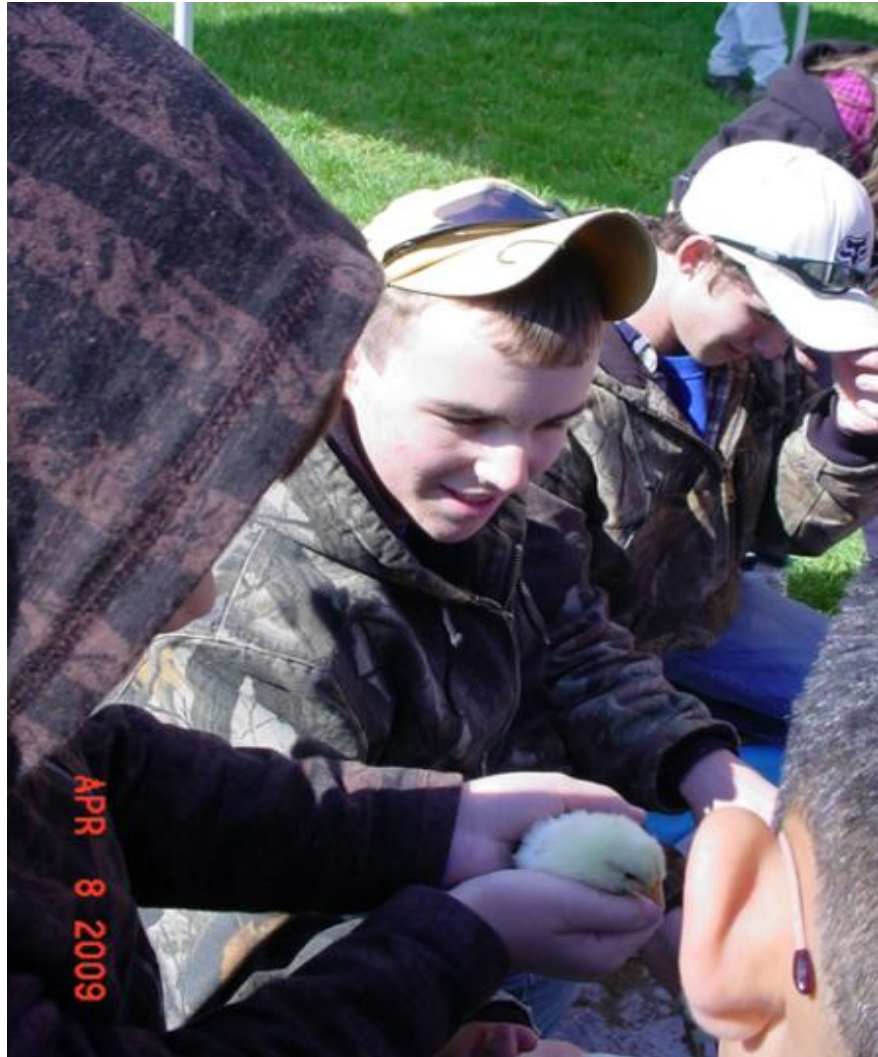
Elizabeth Nelson, Forestry Dept. of Fort Pickett – talked about the layers of a tree



Forestry - Identifying the different layers of a tree and the job each layer does



The Big Pine – a slice from the largest Loblolly Pine on earth is on display at the Research Station in Blackstone



Poultry Station – Rooster Watson and Bobby Patterson, Nottoway FFA – talked about the poultry industry today



There were young chicks, laying hens and feed samples available to touch.





The Nottoway County FFA was a tremendous help – Thanks!!