

Aggies view breeding, blushing, milking, dancing

Students tour eight states on field trip

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Spring break can be sun, fun and tans, but one group of Aggies spent their spring break cooped up on two buses and loved it.

For 10 days, 89 Aggies traveled through eight states on an agribus-ness field trip coordinated by Dr. Howard Hesby, associate professor in animal science at Texas A&M University. This is the fourth spring break trip Hesby, known as "Doc," has organized for students.

He said he enjoys showing students feed companies, livestock operations, agriculture chemical companies and marketing operations because many students don't know what jobs are available to them upon graduation.

The tour visits many different types of agribusineses in the hope that students will see at least one operation in their area of study or interest.

Most participants are animal science majors but any student is eligible.

Linda Warinner said the best part

of the trip was the visit to Gainesway Thoroughbred Farm outside Lexington, Ky. "I learned lots more about horses and Contagious Equine Metritis (CEM is a venereal disease among horses) from Dr. Chris Cahill's discussion."

The sophomore from Klamath Falls, Ore., said, "I also didn't realize how extensive and important lighting in stables is to control cycles and seasons in horses."

Cahill, a Texas A&M graduate and veterinarian and breeder for Gainesway, let the Aggies watch as a maiden filly was bred by Blushing Groom. He is a syndicated stallion stabled at Gainesway and worth \$6.5 million. Cahill said Blushing Groom is booked to breed about 50 mares this year and told students to look for his progeny racing in the Kentucky Derby.

The Derby will not be run until May, but the group stopped for pictures and souvenirs at Churchill Downs in Louisville on the way to Elanco Products Company in Indianapolis.

Elanco is the agriculture products

division of Eli Lilly & Co. The emphasis of the visit was on product research and one of Elanco's major products, Rumensin. Improving efficiency of feed conversion to meat in beef cattle is Rumensin's purpose.

Dr. Art Raun, director of research at Lilly's Greenfield research laboratories, said 90 percent of cattle on feed in the United States are fed Rumensin to gain weight faster on less feed.

Besides testing Rumensin and other animal products for cancer-causing agents, and palatability, Lilly also tests cosmetics. Lilly owns Elizabeth Arden cosmetics — students saw rabbits wearing blush and lipstick.

Rabbit skin is more sensitive than human skin. If products irritate a rabbit, the product is likely to irritate humans, too.

Another side of animal agriculture research was given by Dr. Jim Yazman of Winrock International Livestock Research on Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton, Ark. A goat specialist and veterinarian, Yazman told students about Winrock's goal to improve human nutrition in Arkansas, southeast United States and among American Indians through use of small ruminants. He said these groups of people are generally small land owners and small producers so Winrock is encouraging the development of sheep and dairy goat herds.

Small ruminant animals are able to convert low-quality forage to milk and meat. A 125-doe dairy goat herd can be managed by one man and the milk can be sold to processors.

Winrock manages a 150-doe herd which is milked twice daily. Tests are run to check butterfat content and protein solids and then the milk is shipped weekly to the University of Georgia for processing into cheese, ice cream and other dairy products.

Yazman said the organization's main job is to develop a market for goat's milk products. Since it is not produced in the same volume as cow's milk, goat's milk products are more expensive. A goat produces about five pounds a day while a dairy cow may produce between 45 and 60 pounds a day. He said many people prefer goat's milk products to cow's milk products despite the extra cost.

The Aggies also visited Monsanto and Ralston Purina in Missouri.

Monsanto is a crop chemical company and is also well-known for another product — Astroturf.

Before a home-cooked meal of fried chicken, Ralston Purina showed students their research farm at Grey Summit, Mo. They test feeds, feeding practices and environmental conditions for dogs, poultry, swine, horses and cattle.

Goat's milk and blushing rabbits aside, the Aggies did have time for fun and entertainment in the evenings and on the buses.

The Grand Ole Opry in Nashville welcomed the Aggies by inviting three members of the Corps of Cadets, in full military dress, onto the stage during the performance. Jerry Clower introduced Max Crittenden, Charlie Cotten and John Gunter over the Opry's live broadcast on WSM radio, and the Aggies put an authentic "whoop" in the background.

From 9:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. the Aggies visited backstage and met Marty Robbins, Jeanne Pruitt, Tom T. Hall and Jerry Clower, kicker danced in the aisles and sang along with the entertainers.

"The best part of the Opry was getting to go backstage and meet the stars," said Mark Cowan, a junior from Detroit.

They also visited the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City, Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore,

Okla., the Anhauser-Busch processing plant and Clydesdales in St. Louis and Studio B in Nashville where Charlie Pride recorded his latest song.

Although anyone may apply to go on the trip, getting that application approved isn't so easy.

"We don't pick just anybody who wants to go," Hesby said. "We choose those who really want to go and learn, not just those who want three credits. Students must take notes at all the stops and turn them in plus write reports on visits if they want to pass."

Students completed applications before Christmas and were selected by a committee of students in January. Cost of the trip was \$210 per student plus cost of some meals and tuition and building use fee for three credits.

Elanco, Ralston Purina, Monsanto and the St. Louis Grain Exchange helped lower expenses by providing meals and housing on parts of the tour. Dr. and Mrs. Don Labore of Lexington gave students lunch and the opportunity to visit the Kentucky Horse Training Center.

"I can't believe how much people gave us, and especially the Labores who gave meals for 89 people," said Janice Brown of Dumas. "They really helped us and made our trip better."



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Reba Blevens, senior animal science major from Arlington, stops for a moment to introduce herself to the Dalmation who escorts the Anheuser-Busch team of Clydesdales.



Goat's milk is a little more expensive than cow's milk, but many people prefer it. Winrock International in Arkansas is helping small farmers make money through its work with goats, like this one.

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