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PA Friends of Ag Foundation Kicked Off Ag Literacy Week in Dillsburg

What happens when farming, Dr. Seuss, and excited elementary students come together? Ag Literacy Week magic. "Moo!" was the sound that kicked off Ag Literacy Week at Dillsburg Elementary School.

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation and Gifford Pinchot FFA chapter held a special reading event on Friday, March 13. PFB President and Foundation Chairman, Chris Hoffman, along with several Gifford-Pinchot FFA students, read the book of the year: *Cows Can Moo, Can You? All About Farms*, a book from the Cat in the Hat Reader Library. They also helped the students complete a product to by-product matching activity. Thanks to the York County Agricultural Society, the FFA chapter was able to give books to every K-2 classroom in the district.

The local FFA students also brought a petting zoo, several tractors, and other farm equipment to the school for the day. They were delighted to share their experiences and firsthand knowledge with the younger generation.

Ag Literacy Week began on March 16 and ran through March 20. During this time, volunteers from communities across the state visited classrooms and other student groups to read the book and talk about local farming. Ag Literacy Week connects volunteers from the agricultural community to local classrooms to share the story of agriculture. Readers who participated in Ag Literacy Week had the opportunity to talk about farming and agriculture through the book as well as share their own stories about farming, agriculture programs they are involved with, or any of

their other various connections.

More than 2,400 books in over 2,000 classrooms were presented in Pennsylvania this year. Farmers, agribusiness leaders, FFA members, 4-H'ers and others read to more than 40,000 students throughout the week. After their reading events, the community members donate the book and educational activities to the classroom to be used throughout the year and with future classes.

The Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's 2026 Ag Literacy Week book, *Cows Can Moo, Can You? All About Farms*, teaches children about all the elements of the farm including tractors, animals, harvesting crops, and so much more.

Cat in the Hat engages students in the joys of farming with a trip to the Greenbean family farm.



Farmers Care Raises \$25K for Danville Ronald McDonald House

On March 10, several county Farm Bureaus, together with six local FFA chapters participated in donating funds and supplies to the Danville Ronald McDonald House as part of the Women's Leadership Committee's Farmers Care Program.

The collaborative efforts of Farm Bureau and FFA for this event raised an astounding \$25,797!

In 2026 the Farmers Care Program has already raised a total of \$57,322, with several Farmers Care Days remaining. Region 1 Farmers Care Day took place in February and raised \$31,525 for the Philadelphia Region Ronald McDonald Charities.

PFB's Farmers Care program takes place from January 1st-April 20th each year. During this period, Farm Bureau members raise money and supplies to donate to their local charities.



Pennsylvania Farm Bureau's Chip Kohser Speaks Against HB 1816

Mercer County's Chip Kohser represented Pennsylvania Farm Bureau on Tuesday by providing testimony on PFB's concerns with House Bill 1816 (The Pet-Shop Kennel Act) to the Pennsylvania House Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities Committee.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau strongly opposes House Bill 1816, as it targets and intentionally disfavors an important segment of the Commonwealth's agricultural economy by coercing some businesses to subsidize direct competitors; limits the ability of an individual Pennsylvanian to purchase the pet of his choice; and infringes upon the inherent individual right to the use of one's own property for one's own benefit (and by extension, the benefit of his community) that is guaranteed to every American citizen by the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions.



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