

The 2011 Top of Ohio Ag Tour, held on September 18, featured four different farming operations in Logan County. More than 800 people visited the tour stops highlighting farming, farm life, agriculture and Logan County food production and specialty products. Logan County Farm Bureau offered a Taste of Logan County featuring a picnic style lunch for 50 cents. On September 16, first and fourth grade students from participating Logan County Schools enjoyed a tour preview with presentations featuring farming, farm safety, farm equipment, best management practices, wetlands, tree identification/management, livestock/animal care and hands on activities. All fourth grade students attending the 2011 Top of Ohio School Day Ag Tour learned about electricity and power at Logan County Electric Cooperative.

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Tour participants enjoy the petting zoo at the Jim and Leslie Warne farm.



The Don and Virginia Miller family were hosts for the 2011 Ag Tour. Visitors to their farm learned about farm safety, GPS mapping and yield monitoring, grain storage, sheep production and conservation practices employed to control erosion and runoff.



Logan County first graders visited Jim & Leslie Warne's farm to learn how the farm manages hayland, pastures and grains to meet the dietary needs of their registered Shorthorns.



Logan County Farm Bureau served a picnic style meal featuring foods from Logan County and specialty products produced here. Lunch cost 50 cents. The Logan County Fairgrounds Grange Building was the site of this popular tour stop.



Adam Smith, Logan County Wildlife Officer, and fellow Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources employees assist fourth graders eager to try their hand at archery.



Logan County first graders enjoy a hands on activity at Wenger's Produce. The students learned about vegetable and fruit production. Skidmore Apiaries shared information about honey bees. An observation hive with a queen bee was a popular point on interest.



Logan County fourth graders dye wool at the Don and Virginia Miller Farm.