

What percentage of corn farms are family owned? Over 2500 Kindergarten through sixth grade students worked through the agricultural booths at the 2011 Nebraska State Fair August 29th and 30th to answer this and many other questions about the different agricultural industries in the state of Nebraska. Students learned that milk comes from a cow, not the carton they buy at the store, and that agriculture is Nebraska's #1 industry. The program was developed by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce and students were given a bright green backpack sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Growers Association and the Nebraska Pork Producers Association.



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They were also armed with a trivia book which was filled with questions about the different aspects of agriculture that helped them work through the scavenger hunt. "We developed an agriculture educational tour throughout all the agriculture exhibits in the Exhibition Building, and then within the Birthing Pavilion, in the swine barn, and in the cattle barn," said Mary Berlie, the Chamber's Workforce Development Coordinator and member of the agriculture committee. Many of the students who came were not aware how much of an influence agriculture has on their lives. "Maybe it's been several generations since they've had an active connection to a farm, so it's important to educate them the same as somebody from an Omaha or Lincoln school," Mat Habrock, the Field Services Director for the Nebraska Corn Growers Association shared.



The Ag Scavenger Hunt led students through the different buildings and barns at the 2011 Nebraska State Fair.