NATIONAL
AG DAY

Petting Zoo

Event/Activity Details

Length: 2-8 hours

Items Needed:
• Farm and ranch animals
• Space and pens to hold a petting zoo
• Tables/booths
• Food and beverages
• Equipment for music

Objective: Organize a petting zoo where children and their parents can see farm and ranch animals and learn more about them.

Implementation Ideas

Ways to bring this event/activity to life:

For a School
Designate one hour of the school day for each grade level to come visit the fair. Have activity stations for each subject and give students a hands-on way to learn more. Invite farmers and ranchers to talk about what they do. Or, invite parents and students to attend a fair in the evening after school. Have activity stations for each subject and give students a handout to take home.

At a Fair
Host a community-wide fair for your county, town, or city near your Capitol. Have activity stations for each subject and give attendees a hands-on way to learn about agriculture. Invite local farmers and ranchers to talk about what they do. Invite government leaders and legislators to attend as well. Offer food, beverages, and live music if possible.

Timeline

Things to keep in mind:

Before
• Identify location, time, and date.
• Reserve necessary permits.
• Confirm activities and booth exhibitors.
• Consider safety precautions.
• Get permission to take photos.
• Promote event to the target attendees.

During
• Arrive early to set up the exhibits.
• Share details about National Ag Day and your state's agriculture.

After
• Send thank you notes to volunteers and to those who lent animals to the school.
• Share a press release and a social media post about your Ag Day efforts.

Recommended Resources

• *My American Farm Coloring Books*
• *My American Farm Display Kit*
• *Livestock and Commodity Barn Banners*
• More agriculture-related activities and resources at www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog