

Breakfast on the Farm



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THE **FOOD** YOU **EAT!**

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This year's Clinton County Breakfast on the Farm was hosted on June 19 by MMPA members Albert and Els Steenblik, owner of Steenblik Dairy Farm in Pewamo.

Nearly 2,500 people were served breakfast and many others stopped by for a tour of the dairy farm. Various educational stations were set up throughout the 2,500-cow dairy farm where attendees could learn more about animals, food production and agriculture practices. Educational stations included: calf barn, storage pond, weaned calves, tractors, nutrient re-cycling, maternity barn, freestall cow barn, milking parlor, health care and special needs parlor.

"This is an opportunity to show everyone that farmers really are stewards of the land and that we truly do care about our animals," Albert said.

So many people in the Clinton County area were interested in the opportunity to learn about agriculture and all the factors that go into farming that the breakfast portion "sold out" of free tickets a few days prior to the event. Those who didn't have tickets to eat breakfast were still encouraged to attend a self-guided tour.

Nearly 200 volunteers from throughout the community were on hand to help put on the event by working at the various educational stations, serving breakfast, answering attendees' questions, etc. Breakfast on the Farm is all about informing the public about where their food comes from and all the work it takes to get that food from the field to the supermarket. More information on the Breakfast on the Farm events can be found at: <http://breakfastonthefarm.com>.



