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Nagel Farm Services and Wye Angus Research and Education Center Report
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Students arrived to Nagel Farm Services where they were split into two groups. Inside the building where employees showed how they probe a truck of soybeans where they learned about moisture in the bean and dockage for foreign matter. Later, employees also demonstrated how to test for vomitoxin in wheat where we learned about the importance of catching it before being distributed into the tanks. Mr. Nagel took us back to his office where he taught us about grain marketing like puts and calls and forward contracting. Mr. Nagel showed us the Chicago Board of Trade and explained how to read the basics of it, showing us high and low prices.

Outside, students were able to watch a truck get unloaded where we also got to go downstairs and see the belts which carry grain to the tanks. We were then taken to the electrical room where we were shown the technology it takes to run an operation like that. Also outside we were shown the corn pile made for this year's harvest in which we were shown the process of cooling the grain with tubes placed into the pile.

Students arrived to Wye Angus Research and Education Center where we took a ride out to look at pregnant angus cows where we learned the process of rotational grazing on their farm. Along with learning about rotational grazing we were educated on the hay grown on their farm which is fed right back to their angus. Once we took a short break for lunch, Mr. Draper explained to us the genetics in their herd and the process of culling the poor cattle from the herd. After lunch we were shown the process of herding the cattle into the chutes and the process weighing them for veterinary purposes.

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