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VIPP Hosts Turkish Dairy Farmers



▲ A historic dairy farm at Michigan Agricultural College (now Michigan State University)

May 1st through 15th, VIPP in conjunction with the Michigan State University Extension dairy program hosted five Turkish dairy farmers for a Global Education Workshop to learn about the United States dairy farming industry. The participants attended lectures on animal science and the dairy industry by MSU professors, extension educators, and industry professionals. MSU has a long history with the dairy industry. Aside from housing the MSU Dairy Store, the university is also famous for pioneering many of the scientific advances in dairy. Michigan Agriculture College (now MSU) scientists developed cattle production methods that led to greater quality and quantity of milk from their cows.

During their two-week stay they visited MSU locations such as the MSU Dairy Farm and Kellogg Biological Station as well as private farms from the smaller Messing Dairy Farm to the large Swisslane Dairy. When they weren't busy with professional visits and lectures they were visiting U.S. cultural sites. ■

Upcoming Event:

Beginning May 28th, VIPP will be hosting another group from Turkey, 14 people from the Energy Market Regulatory Authority will be here for three months to learn more about Energy Regulation in the U.S. and Canada.

Staff Profile

Tracy Rich

Secretary

College education history:

Certificate of Achievement, Massage Therapy, Lansing Community College, 2003

How long have you been at MSU? 5½ Years

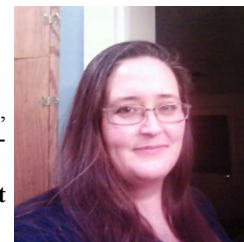
How long have you been at VIPP? 2 years

Favorite Holiday - Christmas

Favorite Dessert - Cheesecake

If you could ask for one favor from the new Director, what would it be? A six-week vacation to the UP this summer or Key West next winter. LOL

If you could have drinks with one famous person, who would it be and why? I'd like to sit down with Michigan's governor to try and figure out exactly how he thinks he's helping Michigan families by increasing their living costs, reducing their incomes, and cutting off their support.



MSU Museum: Civil War 150th anniversary



In the month of June, the MSU Museum's historical collection is marking the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War and specifically Michigan's connection to the civil war.

Notably, the entire first graduating class of Michigan Agriculture College (now MSU) was excused before graduation ceremonies so they could join the Union Army.

Additionally, Luther Baker, the man who led the capture of John Wilkes Booth (who assassinated President Lincoln), was also a Michigan native. Several items on display relate to General John G. Parkhurst from Coldwater, MI, who spent time in the Confederate Libby Prison.

Additionally on display will be Civil War uniforms from both armies, weapons, camp goods, medical equipment, and items relating to the assassination of President Lincoln.