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Back in the Children’s Barnyard
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LOUISVILLE, KY - November 13, 2014 – The Children’s Barnyard is in full-swing again this year at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). Visitors have the chance to interact with rabbits, llamas, a dairy calf, mini horses, beef cattle, lambs, a donkey, a horse, a dairy goat, pigs, ducks, turkeys, peacocks- and everyone’s favorite- the ducklings. Guests can pet most animals for an interactive experience.

The Children’s Barnyard was first introduced to the NAILE in 1978. The NAILE’s show management wanted an exhibit for city visitors that would further engage with the local community. The Children’s Barnyard was originally a fundraiser for local FFA chapters and was paid through securing sponsors. Feeder Supply Company of Louisville and radio station WHAS84 are still sponsors for The Children’s Barnyard.

Nancy Monroe of Taylorsville, Kentucky is the current manager of The Children’s Barnyard. Monroe took over the display from her parents after she graduated in 2001. Her love for teaching agriculture was the main reason for accepting the position. The animals found in the barnyard are obtained from different farmers in the area. Monroe’s favorite part of the job is seeing children’s faces light up when they get to see an animal for the first time.

Kyle Robertson of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania definitely enjoyed The Children’s Barnyard. Kyle is the ten-year-old son of Aimee and Doug Robertson. This was Kyle’s first time at the NAILE. He liked making turkey calls to the male turkey at the barnyard. Aimee Robertson also appreciated opportunities that the Children’s Barnyard offers. She said the exhibit is nice because it is a good opportunity for little ones to see a variety of animals that they would normally not see. NAILE officials value The Children’s Barnyard for its education and entertainment value.

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Caption IMG_5125: A potbelly pig from The Children’s Barn at the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY poses for the camera.

Caption IMG_5178: Kyle Robertson of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania is an expert at making turkey calls.

Caption IMG_5320: The ducklings at The Children’s Barn at the North American Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY line up for food before they slip down the slide.