

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture 2016

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Hi, I'm Abbey Chubaty. I'm age 12 and from the Woodmore Combined 4-H Club. I was lucky enough to be chosen to represent Manitoba in the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition in Toronto. I had an awesome time. What an experience! I competed in the Junior category, which had competitors aged 11-15 years old from across Canada. My Mom and I flew to Toronto for the weekend.

In this competition, all competitors were given a list of topic choices. I choose the topic "Old

McDonald had a farm, but what about Mrs. McDonald". I talked about World War 1 and 2 and how the farm women had to step up and run the show when the farmers went away to fight in the war. I also talked about the Farmerettes, who were young women who came out to work on the farm. This was when women really started taking an active role in running the farms.

It was interesting listening to the other presenters. I liked how several competitors spoke on the same topic but what they talked about was completely different. I also learned some skills from other competitors like the importance of the proper use of vocabulary and the speed that's best for presentations. My largest challenge was using a microphone when I presented.

Other than attending the competition, I enjoyed the Royal Winter Fair- loved the food samples. I also had enough time to see the CN and the Ripley's Aquarium. I was also lucky enough to have family close to visit.

I would encourage all 4-Hers, if given the opportunity, to compete in this competition - give it a try. I gained so much from this experience.

I would like to thank Manitoba 4-H Council and their sponsors for allowing me to represent Manitoba. It was a chance of a lifetime. Thank you.

