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National FFA Members Tour Cumberland and AP Manufacturing Facility

FFA students from all different levels, national, regional, state and local toured the Taylorville, IL plant, home to the GSI Group Protein divisions: Cumberland, a poultry equipment manufacturer and Automated Production Systems (AP) a swine equipment manufacturer.

Members of the largest agriculture-related youth organization in America visited the home of the world's largest swine feeding manufacturer recently. Two National officers, Laila Hajji, the FFA Central Region Vice President and Regina Holliday, the FFA Southern Region Vice President, arrived Wednesday, August 26, visiting the Taylorville, IL manufacturing facility. Joining Laila and Regina was Adam Herwig - Illinois State Treasurer, Ryan Tate - Senior Regional Director, Glenn Sims - Senior Regional Director, Todd Greenwood - Regional Director, Lee Meteer - Taylorville FFA Advisor, Kyle Hadden - Taylorville FFA Chapter President, Jarod Winans - Taylorville FFA Chapter Vice President, and Blake Welge - PAS National President. "This is a great group and it is very rare to have this cross section of FFA all at one place!" commented Todd Greenwood.

The FFA members had a chance to learn about AP and Cumberland products and how AP Product manager, Tom Stuthman and Plant Manager, Brian Atwood deal with today's challenges of meeting customer demands for a quality product at a reasonable price. During the plant tour they learned what innovation & practices make AP & Cumberland world class poultry and swine equipment manufacturing leaders.

At the conclusion of the tour, HR Manager Mitch Losee noted, "These young adults are well rounded and focused, the kind of people that you like to employ and make your company stronger." GSI is proud to be a sponsor of such wonderful agricultural group and will host three booths at the FFA National Convention in October in downtown Indianapolis Oct. 21-24.

For more information about AP and Cumberland please visit <http://www.automatedproduction.com> and <http://www.cumberlandpoultry.com>.

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