

Day 9: Friday, May 24, 2013

Darian Hiemer and Abigail Bastian reflection:

Coming to China we all had different expectations of how the trip would be. Looking back, I think we could all say that our expectations turned out better than we thought. We have had many great opportunities yet there are many more to come. On Friday May 24 we got the chance to tour Nanjing Agriculture University and Yuron Meat Group. At Nanjing Agriculture University we visited the National Center of Meat Quality and Safety Control. Both Dr. Newman and Dr. Dahlen presented information to faculty, staff, and students of the University. Yuron Meat Group is the 2nd largest meat processing company in China, with gross sales over 1.06 Trillion Yuan. That is approximately \$176 Billion.

Abby: Before coming to China I had many different expectations on how the different companies and factories would be. I enjoyed touring the Yuron Meat Group because it had many similarities to a typical United States meat company. Yuron can be compared to the well-known company Hormel Foods in Minnesota, just on a much larger scale. Yuron produces many different kinds of meat products. They also work closely with the government to ensure food safety. I have enjoyed seeing the different aspects of agriculture in China and my expectations turned out to be better than I thought.

Darian: When I was getting ready for our trip to China I did not think there would be so many similarities to the United States and how we do things. I expected it to be totally opposite. When we went to the Nanjing Agriculture University the similarities were very obvious. We got to tour their Meat Science Labs and their Meat Lab. They had a lot of the same machines and equipment that our University uses to look at meat quality. I found the projects they were working on very interesting, learning about the concept of tracking meat was something new to me so seeing how they are working on that was fascinating.

Sincerely,

Abby Bastian and Darian Hiemer