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Class XVIII in Washington, DC

Ag Leadership Class XVIII recently completed a successful trip to Washington D.C., and Gettysburg.

Briefings from American Farm Bureau, National Cotton Council and The National Alliance of Forest Owners were a part of the preparation for the Hill visits. The topics included the Farm Bill, labor, the impact of Prop-12 in the livestock industry and Endangered Species Act agreements in the forest industry. Once again, Jack Pettus, who works on behalf of the American Sugar Cane League, discussed the lobbying process to help prepare the class for their Hill visits.



Meetings with all of Louisiana's House and Senate delegations were very successful. In addition, the Senate Ag Committee discussed the Farm Bill status with the entire group.

"The class did an excellent job during their Hill visits," said Bobby Soileau. "They represented our program and Louisiana agriculture well."



GETTYSBURG, PA AND MARYLAND

The final full day of the trip was spent at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. A trip to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center started the morning followed by an afternoon exploration of the battlefield. The field tour was conducted by Terry Fox from Gettysburg. He has been a battlefield guide for 54 years. His knowledge of the history of the battle and the leadership lessons were invaluable.



The day ended in Maryland where Class XV graduate Caroline Salisbury-Orlowski hosted the class for a dairy farm tour and dinner at her farm in Knoxville. South Mountain Creamery was the first site. It has more than 500 dairy cows using robotics to feed and milk their cows. It was an impressive operation. The Salisbury-Orlowski farm was the final stop where several of her agricultural neighbors discussed their issues and programs in the county. It was a wonderful way to end the day.



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APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS XIX

Application for Class XIX of Ag Leadership is now available on our website at www.lsuagcenter.com/agleadership. The deadline to apply is August 23, 2024. Class XIX will begin their two-year experience in January 2025.

THANK YOU!

Finally, we want to thank Bobby Skeen, Class XIII, with the Louisiana Cotton and Grain Association for his help with our trip.



