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Legislator Kate Browning Honors BNL Science Fair Winner Greg Ross

Tangier Smith Elementary First Grader Takes First Place with Egg Count Experiment



(Legislator Kate Browning, right, presents a proclamation to science fair winner Greg Ross in front of his science experiment display at the legislature in Hauppauge.)

Hauppauge, NY – Students across Suffolk County participated in Brookhaven National Laboratory’s Science Fair this past month. The winners were recognized at the Suffolk County Legislature’s general meeting on June 1, 2016. Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) honored Tangier Smith first grader Greg Ross for his first place experiment that researched whether hens lay more eggs when they in their coops or allowed to roam outside longer.

Greg Ross’s project was to see if the amount of time hens are left outside their coop affects how many eggs are laid. He let the chickens out of their coop at 7am one day, 11am the second day and 3pm the third day. He repeated this two times. In the evening of each day Greg counted the total amount of eggs. His hypothesis was that if you leave the hens in their coop longer, they will lay more eggs. His experiment determined there is an impact, however it turned out that more eggs were laid when the hens were outside of their coop longer. He concluded its best to let the hens out early so you will get more eggs.

“Challenging our youth in the field of science is extremely important to their development and future success,” said Legislator Browning. “Greg made certain assumptions that turned out to be false, and in doing so learned that research can provide important answers that helps our society progress and grow. I know this was a wonderful experience for the kids and I want to thank Brookhaven National Lab for hosting the contest again this year.”

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