

## **Virginia Farm Bureau Tours Equine Medical Center**

Approximately 50 delegates from the Virginia Farm Bureau toured Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center on Monday, November 26, as part of the 2007 Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention which was held November 25 through 28 at the Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles Hotel in Chantilly. Participants were bused from Chantilly to Leesburg for the event.

The hour-long visit began with a welcome and introduction by Dr. Nat White, Jean Ellen Shehan Professor and Director of the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, and concluded with a questions and answer session with Dr. Martin Furr, Professor and Adelaide C. Riggs Chair in Equine Medicine. The facility tour was lead by Associate Director of Development Amy Troppmann and Public Relations Coordinator Marjorie Musick.

The Virginia Farm Bureau Federation is an organization of farmers and rural families with more than 148,000 members. It is part of the American Farm Bureau Federation which boasts more than 5.5 million members in the United States and Puerto Rico. The group meets annually to discuss various aspects of the farming industry including methods, marketing and advocacy. The theme of this year's convention was "Feeding the World: Agriculture Matters."

Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center is a premier full-service equine hospital located in Leesburg, Va., that offers advanced specialty care, 24-hour emergency treatment and diagnostic services for all ages and breeds of horses. One of three campuses that comprise the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine (VMRCVM), the center and its team of equine specialists are committed to providing exceptional treatment to patients, superior service to clients and cutting-edge research to the equine industry.