

# Ag in the Classroom Presentations ♦ Offered annually in February



## What are the Ag in the Classroom Presentations?

Each year, DeKalb County Farm Bureau offers ag-focused lessons to 1st - 4th grade classrooms across the county. Lessons are designed to:

- ♦ Teach students how farming provides food, clothing, and everyday products.
- ♦ Connect students with farmers and agribusiness men and women.
- ♦ Be engaging and hands-on.
- ♦ Be age-appropriate and easily integrated into the classroom curriculum.

## How do I bring an AITC presentation to my class?

Presentations will be offered throughout February. Request yours using the interactive online form found at [GrowYoungMinds.org](http://GrowYoungMinds.org). Requests are accepted until early January (check website for exact deadline).

## How do I know when my AITC visit will take place?

A list of requesting classrooms is provided to prospective volunteers. Once a volunteer has been matched with your classroom, he or she will receive a copy of your request form and contact you directly to schedule the day and time of your lesson.

## Does signing up guarantee an AITC presentation?

- ♦ It can take some time to find a volunteer to visit every classroom. If you do not hear from a volunteer by mid-February, please contact Rhodora at [rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org](mailto:rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org).
- ♦ In the rare event we cannot visit some classrooms, we will provide materials for the teacher to implement the lesson if desired.

***For more information about AITC or other ag literacy programs, please contact Rhodora at [rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org](mailto:rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org) or 815-756-6361.***

## What will students learn about agriculture?

A unique lesson has been developed for each grade level:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – *More Than a Seed*

- ♦ What are the steps of crop production?
- ♦ What do seeds need in order to germinate?
- ♦ Students will plant corn & soybean seeds and learn how those crops impact their own lives.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – *From Cow to Ice Cream*

- ♦ Where do milk & other dairy products come from?
- ♦ What are the steps of dairy production and how do farmers keep cows healthy?
- ♦ Students will make their own ice cream and learn why dairy is important in a healthy diet.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – *It's an Earful (NEW lesson!)*

- ♦ How is field corn different from other kinds of corn?
- ♦ How do farmers grow and harvest corn?
- ♦ How is corn used and how does it help us?
- ♦ Students will examine the life cycle of corn, dissect a corn kernel, and investigate the types and uses of corn.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – *Mapping Illinois Agriculture*

- ♦ What products do we get from Illinois agriculture?
- ♦ How does agriculture connect to our lives?
- ♦ How do you find locations on a road map?
- ♦ Students will identify products from Illinois agriculture and use maps to locate ag-related sites.

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