

Ag in the Classroom Presentations

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What are the Ag in the Classroom Presentations?

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

- Help children understand the role of farming in providing our food, clothing, and many everyday products
- Connect students with farmers and agribusiness men & women
- Be engaging and hands-on
- Be age-appropriate and easily integrated into the classroom curriculum
- Correlate with Common Core Standards

How do I bring an Ag in the Classroom presentation to my classroom?

Presentations will be offered throughout February. Request yours using the interactive online form found here <http://bit.ly/2ggL5Bk> and at www.dekalbfarmbureau.org. Requests will be accepted until Jan. 11, 2017.

How do I find out when the presentation will take place in my classroom?

A list of requesting classrooms will be sent to prospective volunteers immediately after the deadline. Once a volunteer has been matched with your class, 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 requesting a presentation guarantee that a volunteer will visit my classroom?

We will do our best to match volunteers with all requesting classrooms. Due to popularity of the program (about 150 classrooms are visited annually) it can sometimes be difficult to find volunteers for every class. In the event we cannot visit some classrooms, we will provide materials for the teacher to implement the lesson if desired.

What does each Ag in the Classroom presentation cover?

First Grade – “More Than A Seed”



- Why do farmers grow corn and soybeans?
- What are the steps of crop production?

- What do seeds need to germinate?

Students will plant corn & soybean seeds and watch them grow.

Second Grade – “From Cow to Ice Cream”



- Where do milk and other dairy products come from?
- What are the steps of dairy production?

- How do farmers keep cows healthy?
- Why is dairy important in a healthy diet?

Students will make their own ice cream.

Third Grade – “It’s An Earful”



- How is field corn different from other kinds of corn?
- What are the steps of corn production?

- How is corn used and how does it help us?

Students will dissect corn kernels and construct paper corn stalks.

Fourth Grade – “Mapping Illinois Agriculture”



- What products do we get from Illinois agriculture?
- How do you find locations on a road map?

- How does agriculture connect to our lives?

Students will use highway maps to locate important ag-related sites across Illinois.

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