

Ag in the Classroom Presentations ♦ February 2018



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 here: <http://bit.ly/2jaiUry>. Requests will be accepted until Jan. 12, 2018.

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 Feb. 9, please contact Rhodora at 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 or 815-756-6361.

What will students learn about agriculture?

A unique lesson has been developed for each grade level:

1st 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.

2nd 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.

3rd Grade – *It's an Earful*

- ♦ 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 dissect kernels, construct model corn plants, and explore types & uses of corn.

4th 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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