

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.

Who visits classrooms to deliver AITC lessons?

AITC volunteers are individuals who are willing to share their time and ag expertise, including farmers, agribusiness people, and FFA members. Last year over 100 volunteers delivered AITC lessons in 150 classrooms.

How are AITC volunteers matched with classrooms?

- ♦ Teachers request presentations by submitting request forms with their contact information and preferred presentation times.
- ♦ Volunteers view the list of requesting classrooms posted at <http://bit.ly/2kGM7Im> and then reserve the classrooms they wish to visit by e-mailing rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org.
- ♦ Volunteers receive copies of teachers' request forms and use this information to contact teachers and schedule their presentations.

How do I obtain AITC training and materials?

Ag in the Classroom training will take place at Farm Bureau on **Thurs., Jan. 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** Volunteers will hear an overview of each presentation. Supplies will be available for pick up and return beginning the night of training and continuing through early March.

For more information on becoming an AITC volunteer, 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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