



The Effingham County Farm Bureau® was very grateful to have been the recipient of the White-Reinhardt Fund for Education Mini-Grant. As a result of receiving the grant, the Effingham County Farm Bureau® was able to expand its agriculture in the classroom resources to schools by purchasing material for ten “Adventures Around the Farm Kits” geared for grade school students. We currently have teachers (K-3) in 10 different schools who borrow teaching materials from our resource center at no cost. By donating this kit to each school, teachers are now able to enhance classroom activities related to agriculture by incorporating materials from this kit into their lesson plans. Also, this kit will serve as a foundation for developing new classroom programs. Overall this kit will assist in increasing students’ knowledge of the source of our food and fiber.

After we received the material for the kits we wrote a letter to all of the K-3 teachers in the county to announce the new kit available to them at their school. We have also showcased the kit during all of our teacher workshops. The teachers are able to use the kit daily having one right there in their school. Our goal is to get these kits used by as many teachers in our county as possible.

Since receiving the “Adventures Around the Farm Kit” ourselves, we have incorporated several activities into existing agriculture in the classroom presentations that we offer and also have used the kit as a foundation for some new programs. For example, this summer we presented a program to a group of children participating in our county fair programs. During this program we read one of the books in the kit titled “All Around the Farm” and then each child got to make their own barnyard t-shirt to take home. This book explained the source of our food and fiber in a fun and entertaining manner that captivated the children more than if we would have just lectured about the topic.

These kits greatly enhanced our resource library and will improve the quality of our agriculture in the classroom programs as well as provide a valuable resource to our area teachers. The Effingham County Farm Bureau® appreciates the American Federation for Agriculture for their financial support to this project.





