

Will County Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom Newsletter for April 2017



Happy Earth Day! I am sure many of you have started to make your lesson plans but if you're stuck or looking for some new ideas/ resources check out these 2 links:

The [Earth Day Ag Mag!](#) is only available as a .pdf. (so no paper!) Click the link for some great ideas on recycling, conservation and energy!

The [Top 40 Hits of Planet Earth](#) is a booklet of 40 great lesson plans fit for Earth Day or any other day!

What is fertilizer and why do we use it?

Fertilizer is responsible for approximately 50 percent of our world's food production. It is a vital ingredient used to grow strong and healthy plants – both in the garden and in the farm field.

[Nutrients for Life](#) is a website about the Science of Soil. It has a very useful teacher section. Click the link to visit the page!

They have materials, grants, lessons plans, and information you can USE!



THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to the 17 schools that visited with us during the 2017 Ag Expo!! We hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we did!! Missed your chance?



Watch for 2018 registration information in October in the meantime, here are some pictures from this year!



2017 Summer Ag Institute II Information

Since 1991, more than 10,049 Illinois educators have completed a Summer Agricultural Institute! The course is designed for PreSchool-High School educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture – the world's food and fiber system. The course focuses on how to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture and the environment into an existing classroom curriculum. **NEW this year:** teachers getting their masters in science education can count this program towards their degree! It has been approved by the science curriculum committee at AU to count as a science course! New itinerary and more! Check it out!

[View the itinerary and pricing here](#)



Visit the Illinois Ag in the Classroom Website!



WHERE DOES YOUR FOOD COME FROM?

Do you have questions about food safety? Visit the Illinois Farm Families website for great articles, blogs and opportunities!



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