



Aces of AGVENTURES

Note This

May

National Egg Month

Check out our *Poultry Ag Mag*

National Beef Month

Check out the updated
Beef Ag Mag

June

June 20-24 National AITC Conference in New Jersey

[www.agclassroom.org/conference/
index.htm](http://www.agclassroom.org/conference/index.htm) for information

National Dairy Month

Try making "Ice Cream in a Can,"
found in *AITC through the Seasons*
at www.agintheclassroom.org

July

National Blueberry Month

Find out more at www.blueberry.org

August

August 11-20 Illinois State Fair

The Springfield event offers livestock
shows, the butter cow, food, and more!
www.agr.state.il.us/isf

Enthusiastic Teaching Merits Top Honors for Lisa Fleming

Lisa Fleming, of **DeKalb County**, has received this year's top teaching honor for 2006 from the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom Program (IAITC). Fleming teaches at Indian Creek Middle School in Waterman, Illinois.



Runner up for last year's award, Fleming is a two-year veteran of Summer Ag Institute. Her farming background helps her blend agriculture into mathematics and computer applications to create unique classroom experiences. Whether the students are measuring and mapping their own yards, or simply figuring the cost of feed for a show pig, each lesson has its roots in agriculture. She took her enthusiasm of agriculture even a step further by organizing a farm safety day for her school. Along with several other demonstrations, she drove her own tractor and wagon to school for one on implement safety. By sharing her passion for agriculture with her love for teaching, Fleming has become a leader for Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom.

Carol Bohnert, of **DuPage County**, is this year's runner-up. She teaches at Benjamin Middle School, in West Chicago. Bohnert, the 7th grade gifted coordinator, links agriculture to projects both in and out of the classroom by organizing trips throughout the state for her students and their families.

Finalists for the Teacher of the Year Award include:

Peggy Eilders, Lena-Winslow School, Lena, Stephenson County

Jon Eller, Barry School, Barry, Pike County

Jeanine Fout, St. Gilbert School, Libertyville, Lake County

Jane Hermann, Mt. Olive Grade School, Walshville, Macoupin County

Deb Houch & Jael Simpkins, Davenport Elementary, Eureka, Woodford County

John Schendel, Liberty Elementary, Bradley, Kankakee County

Sue Stahl Waddell, Harristown Elementary, Harristown, Macon County

Donna Young, Lincoln & Washington Elementary, Sterling, Whiteside County

Candidates for the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher of the Year Award must have attended a Summer Agricultural Institute and be nominated by their County Farm Bureau. For more information, contact kdaugherty@ilfb.org.

www.agintheclassroom.org

Get Your Pork and Beef Ag Mags!

Updated versions of the *Pork Ag Mag* and *Beef Ag Mag* are here! They have tons of information on these booming industries, including interviews with its leading professionals. As usual, you'll find lots of fun classroom activities.

Here's a sample of the "Show What You Know" activities for Pork and Beef. You can find the complete versions at www.aginthe classroom.org to use with the new *Ag Mags*.



Show What You Know About PORK

- How many piglets are in the average litter?
 - 1-5
 - 3-6
 - 6-10
 - 8-12
- Name three cuts of meat that come from pigs?
 - pork chop, sausage, pork roast
 - eggplant, radish, cabbage
 - veal, steak, tongue
 - steak, ground beef, bacon
- Those who raises livestock they are called _____? (not farmers)
 - gardeners
 - scientists
 - producers
 - paleontologists
- Pork provides your body with a good source of protein and what vitamins?
 - A, B, and C
 - iron, zinc, and B
 - C, iron, and D
 - iron and zinc
- Pork has _____% less fat than 10 years ago?
 - 20%
 - 30%
 - 40%
 - incorrect, pork has more fat today

ANSWERS
1. d - 8-12 piglets / 2. a - pork chop, sausage, pork roast / 3. c - producers / 4. b - iron, zinc, and B / 5. b - 30%

Show What You Know About BEEF

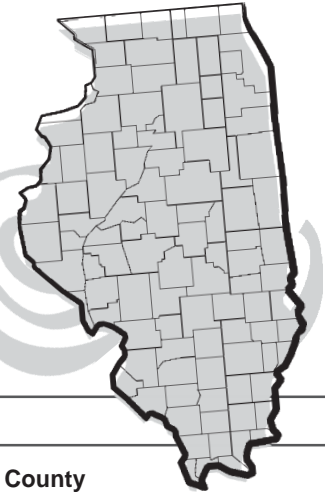
- Not only do we get meat from beef cattle, we also get beef by-products. What percentage of the cow is used for both meat and by-products?
 - 50%
 - 75%
 - 95%
 - 99%
- Cows and other ruminant animals are unique in that they can break down grasses and alfalfa, which are examples of _____.
 - forages
 - meat
 - fruit
 - vitamins
- An all-white cow known for its thick muscles is what breed?
 - Angus
 - Hereford
 - Charolais
 - Simmental
- Beef has ZIP, a good source of Zinc, Iron and Protein, but is also an excellent source of what vitamin?
 - vitamin A
 - vitamin B
 - vitamin C
 - vitamin D
- Three 3 ounces of beef provides you with the same amount of Zinc as _____ servings of tuna?
 - 10
 - 12
 - 15
 - 20

ANSWERS
1. d - 99% / 2. a - forages / 3. c - Charolais / 4. b - vitamin B / 5. b - 12



Summer Institute Covers the State

Join over 3,800 Illinois educators who have benefited from a Summer Agricultural Institute (SAI). With 26 SAI-I and 8 SAI-II courses planned all over the state, there's sure to be one in your area. What do you get from a SAI? Try field trips to farms, ideas for mixing agriculture into teaching, new friends, tons of free teaching materials, and CPDUs or graduate credit. Find a list of contacts at www.agintheclassroom.org, or email aitc@ilfb.org for more information.

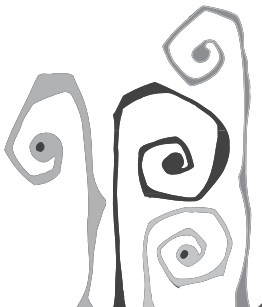


Summer Ag Institute I

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| DeKalb County
May 10, 17, 31 & June 13 – June 16 | Sangamon, Mason, Menard, Cass and Morgan Counties
June 22, 23, 26 & 27 | McHenry County
July 12, 13, 14 & July 17 & 18 |
| Kankakee County
June 13 – June 15 | Illinois State University
June 26 – June 30 | Western Illinois University
July 12 – July 19 |
| Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Marshall Counties
June 12 – June 16 | Earth Partners and Parkland College
June 27 – June 30 | Kendall, Grundy and Will Counties
July 13 – July 19 |
| Lake Land College
June 12- June 16 | Kane County
June 26 – June 30 | Southern Illinois University
July 17 – July 21 |
| Lawrence, Wabash, Edwards, and Wayne Counties
June 12 – June 16 | Boone and Winnebago Counties
July 6- July 12 | Western Illinois University
July 19 – July 26 |
| JoDaviess, Stephenson & Carroll Counties
June 12 – June 16 | Southern Illinois University
July 10 – July 14 | Macon and Christian Counties
July 24 – July 28 |
| Illinois State University
June 19 – June 23 | Lake County
July 10 – July 14 | Illinois State University
July 24 – July 28 |
| DuPage County
June 19 – June 22 | Rock Island County
July 10 – July 14 | Earth Partners and Parkland College
July 25 – July 28 |
| | Vermilion County
July 10- July 14 | Cook County
July 31 – Aug. 4 |

Summer Ag Institute II *(for SAI I graduates)*

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| Southern Illinois University
June 12 – June 15 | DuPage County
June 28 & 29 |
| Livingston County
June 13 – June 15 | Sangamon, Mason, Menard, Cass, and Morgan Counties
July 10 – July 12 |
| Rock Island, Bureau, Lee and Whiteside Counties
June 19 – June 21 | Cook County
July 18 – July 20 |
| McHenry County
June 20 – June 23 | One Day Workshops for School Administrators Central Illinois
June 29 |
| Lake Land College
June 12 – June 16 | Quad Cities
June 30 |



The Latest and Greatest

Grant Yourself Something Great!

Now's your chance to apply for the 2006-07 IAITC Teacher Grant. Pre-School through High School teachers in Illinois are eligible for up to \$250 to fund agricultural literacy classroom projects. IAITC also offers special first-year teacher grants to those who are new to the classroom. Find a list of applications on our website. Click on "Teachers," then "Grants." Apply by **October 1, 2006**.

If you received a grant for 2005-06 year, please turn in your final reports by May 31.

Spring A Has Sprung for IAITC

New lesson packets are springing up in IAITC! Lessons on these subjects are available at www.agintheclassroom.org

- Careers
- Bloom's Taxonomy/Gardner's Multiple Intelligences
- Environmental Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Nutrition

Foundation Keeps Us Going

The IAA Foundation continues to fund valuable projects for IAITC. Please help them continue with their generous support by joining in or spreading the word on these fun-filled fundraisers:



IAITC Golf Outing
July 10
Pontiac, IL



IAITC Sporting Clays
July 21 & 22
Oakland, IL



IAITC Bike Ride
September 5-7
Chicago, IL



IAITC Trail Ride
September 29-October 1

2006 IAA Foundation Signature Events

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