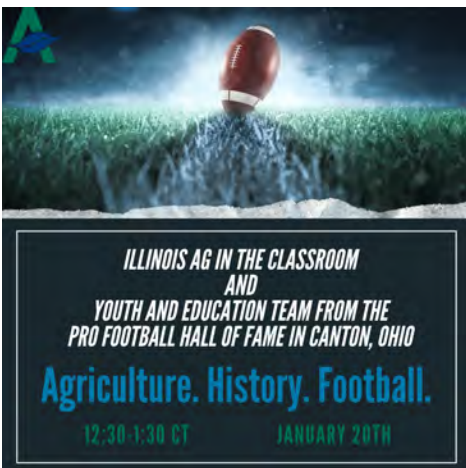




From the warmth of your chair how would you like to travel to a dairy farm, check out corn harvest, and learn about how football connects to agriculture? Free virtual educational field trips are only a click away at <https://beyondthebarndoor.wordpress.com>.

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom has been sharing virtual field trips since summer with people of all ages. Some other trips included an apple orchard, pumpkin farm, soybean harvest, popcorn harvest, and a pork farm. Past Everyday Agriculture activities can take you on a journey to each state to learn a little more about agriculture around the country. They have had visits with authors, shared lesson plans, and offered teacher trainings. New field trips and lesson plans are added throughout the month. Each month a training is offered to highlight the next month's theme and resources.



In January you can take a trip to a dairy farm and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Learn how agriculture, history, and football all connect. Other future themes include Illinois history, soils, specialty crops, soybeans, Earth Day, beef, flowers, and more.

Follow them on Facebook for all the latest releases including family engagement challenges and family cooking challenges. A daily ag-cyclopedia post helps people learn about the meaning of agricultural terms. Each week they also share a Dig Deeper book. For other resources, please contact the Macoupin County Agricultural Literacy Program by email cnemann@illinois.edu, phone 217-854-9604, or online extension.illinois.edu/cjmm/agricultural-literacy.