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and other basic
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Illinois Agriculture

In 2010, Illinois had 76,000 farms utilizing 26.7 million acres of land. The average size of a farm was 351 acres. The average price per acre as of Jan. 2011 was \$5,700.

In addition to farming, Illinois is a leading state in agricultural related industries, such as: ethanol production, corn processing, soybean processing, meat packing, dairy manufacturing, feed milling, vegetable processing, machinery manufacturing, foreign exports, and service industries.

In 2010, corn accounted for 49% of total cash receipts with soybeans 30%, hogs 8%, cattle and calves 4%, dairy products 2%.

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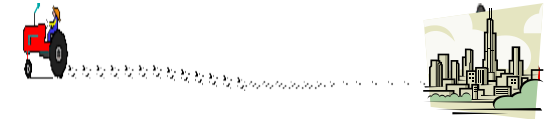
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Ag Literacy Classroom Sponsors

Adams County Ag Literacy relies on donations to help defray expenses for educational programs and supplies that are provided to Adams County Schools. All donations are tax deductible.

Classroom sponsorships are \$25. One sponsorship allows one teacher priority to schedule up to four programs during the school year.

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Bring Agriculture to Life for your Class or Organization

Adams County has joined a nationwide effort to tell the story of agriculture. An Ag Literacy Program representative will provide interactive programs that stimulate dialogue and incorporate a hands-on activity. The programs are developmentally appropriate for elementary, junior high, high school and other groups or organizations. Programs are 45 minutes in length.

Educators: Materials are designed to be integrated into existing subject areas such as social studies, math, science, environmental education and language arts. Programs are up-to-date, scientifically accurate and unbiased. Programs and activities align to Common Core Standards.

For more information, go to the University of Illinois Extension website and look for Ag Literacy under Local Programs.

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- Each Illinois farmer feeds 155 people.
- The average age of an Adams County farmer is 55.6.
- In 2007, there were 72,400 farms in Illinois.
- Adams County has 1295 farms and over 374,000 acres of land in farms. Over 400 farms have less than 50 acres.
- Illinois ranks 4th in agricultural export shares. Soybeans and products are the top export.
- Illinois produces several top ranking crops. Illinois ranks #1 in the U.S. for pumpkins and horseradish; and #2 in the U.S. for both corn and soybeans
- There are over 1 million cattle; 10 million pigs; 51,000 sheep; and 3.2 million layers.
- Illinois dairy cattle produce 2 million pounds of milk and over 78,000 pounds of cheese.
- Illinois has 600 specialty farmers and 200 farmers markets. Adams County hosts 2 farmers markets.
- Consumption of poultry and cheese has doubled in 40 years.
- Illinois has approximately 1500 different soil types.