

## **2009 Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Matching Grant Recipients**

### **Scream for Ice Cream - Brown County Dairy Promotions - \$500**

Brown County Dairy Promotion Committee provides educational programs to K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students relating to agriculture, dairy and nutrition. *Scream for Ice Cream* educates students on the importance of the dairy products in their daily diet and provides students with historical and statistical facts and information about ice cream and Wisconsin's dairy industry. The grant will help furnish supplies and equipment for the presentations that will be offered during the 2009-2010 school year.

### **COW Project – Denmark FFA - \$500**

COW stands for “Computers on Wheels” and will make computers available to agriculture education students in the high school. The computers are housed on a large cart with access to plug-ins and storage for up to 27 units. The computers will allow students to access Internet resources and current events in agriculture.

### **Fond du Lac Agricultural Ambassador Program- Fond du Lac Area Association of Commerce- Agribusiness Council - \$500**

The Fond du Lac Agricultural Ambassador Program reaches approximately 14,000 students each year. A variety of programs and hands-on activities are offered to schools. Each year the various programs are evaluated and updated. The grant will help update the “Handbook of Dairy Foods and Nutrition” with the support of the Fond du Lac County Farm Bureau.

### **Start Up Ag in the Classroom Program – Jefferson County Farm Bureau – Ag in the Classroom - \$500**

A restructuring of the Jefferson County Ag in the Classroom Program that will involve Jefferson County Farm Bureau, Agribusiness Club, County Ag Fund, Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, FFA chapters and FFA Alumni affiliates, and 4-H clubs will develop two primary resources- Pizza Teacher Resource Totes and Soybean Science Kits. The newly structured group will establish contacts for each school district as they promote programs and establish new relationships with teachers and students.

### **Dairy Day At Wonewoc Center Schools- Juneau County Farm Bureau - \$145**

Juneau County Farm Bureau will begin a pilot project involving FFA chapters to host a Dairy Day. The first event will be at Wonewoc Center and will provide Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students an awareness and appreciation for the dairy industry in Wisconsin. A variety of stations will feature games, activities, cheese taste testing, ice cream sundaes and other educational exhibits.

### **Osceola FFA Agricultural and Environmental Days – Osceola FFA - \$500**

The Osceola FFA will invite all Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to come and walk the trails, see the farm, tour native prairie and explore the forest. Agricultural professionals and high school students will serve as resource guides in various locations. There will be 60 sign nature quests, tractor safety stations, a trapping station, a station on duck wetlands and ponds and other exhibits.

### **Ag Adventure Tent- Partnership for Progressive Agriculture- Marathon County- \$500**

The annual Agriculture Adventure Tent is an event that the Partnership for Progressive Agriculture coordinates at the Wisconsin Valley Fair. Over 130,000 people visited the fair in

2008 and many visited the tent. The tent features demonstration areas, sampling local products, petting zoo and educational displays. The grant will also help updating the chick hatching and AgMazing Race activities.

**Ag in the Classroom, Farm Safety, and Food for America- Prairie Farm FFA, Prairie Farm, WI - \$500**

The Prairie Farm FFA Chapter will utilize a matching grant for three separate activities. High school FFA members plan, prepare and present a series of 15 minute activities for grades K-5 on agriculture and safety. Prairie Farm and Barron FFA Chapters co-sponsor a Food for America event that includes a field trip for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in both districts. Chapter members plan the event, stations, and serve as tour guides and helpers. The chapter also coordinates and staffs the Barron County Fair Kiddy Barn which includes a petting zoo and agricultural literacy resources that are given out.

**PALS – Rock County Farm Bureau- Ag in the Classroom Program - \$500**

Rock County Farm Bureau helps coordinate the PALS program with local FFA chapters. The goal of PALS is to build self-esteem and foster an interest in agriculture. FFA members partner with an elementary student to teach them about the impact that agriculture has on their life. A variety of activities and projects are used at each monthly meeting to emphasize the importance of agriculture. FFA PALS meet twice a month for approximately two hours each time.

**“Discover Agriculture” Second Grade Presentation Series- Sauk County Farm Bureau- \$500**

Sauk County Farm Bureau will invite 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers to a series of after-school presentations where plates with local foods will serve multiple purposes- a tasty refreshment and a teaching tool to raise awareness of local agriculture. Bi-monthly classroom presentations will be offered featuring interactive and timely topics which meet age appropriate educational standards. Topics will include Harvest Happenings, A Farmer Grows a Rainbow Nutrition Lessons, Agriculture Careers, Growing GREEN, and a Salute to America’s Dairyland.

**Farm Tour and Educational Baskets- Sheboygan County Farm Bureau- \$500**

Sheboygan County Farm Bureau hosts almost 900 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to a modern working farm on an annual basis. The tour consists of seven different stations to help the students learn about the dairy industry, veterinarians, and nutritional foods we derive from dairy cows. Educational baskets for the teachers include books, videos, lesson plans, posters and lesson plans that teachers can incorporate into their curriculum.

**Agriculture in the Classroom – University of Wisconsin Platteville Sigma Alpha- \$279**

The Sigma Alpha Sorority wants to reach out to students in five school districts in Grant and Lafayette Counties. The college students will develop lessons for K-12 students about agriculture and offer them to the teachers. Lessons will be based on presentations made by resource people at the group’s monthly meetings and from various commodity lessons and resources.

**More Cheese, Please – Washington County Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Program - \$500**

“More Cheese, Please” is a program that Ag in the Classroom county coordinator presents to third and fourth grade classes throughout Washington County. Students learn about Wisconsin’s history in making cheese, the diverse cultural immigrant population’s influence on the types of

cheese we produce, how cheese is made, and then do some taste-testing. The grant will be used to update the curriculum and to purchase supplies and equipment for the presentations.

**Wisconsin Make it With Wool Program- Wisconsin Make it With Wool and Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative- \$500**

The Wisconsin Make it With Wool Contest is held annually during the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI. The program not only highlights competition producing garments, quilts and afghans, and novelty items but it also has an educational component about fiber production. Participants learn about raising sheep and other fiber producing animals, variety of fabrics and yarns, promotion of the fiber and wool industry, and how to use the fibers and wools in their projects.