

April Ag Day Held for 3rd Graders



The Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau® Women's/Ag in the Classroom Committee held their annual 3rd Grade Ag Day for Kids on April 26th at the Fairview Center United Methodist Church outside of Monmouth.

Ag Day consisted of approximately 140 students and teachers from ICS, United North, United West, and West Central elementaries rotating through eight different stations during this morning event: Conservation, Bees, Corn, Beef, Poultry, Pork, Soybeans, and Drones. Shannon Pence and Meredith Stamberger of the Henderson County SWCD and Shawnee Sheehan of the Warren County SWCD taught students about conservation and soil erosion. Ag Education Coordinator Anna Sharp taught listeners about bees and their importance as pollinators. Beth Chatterton and Nicole Nelson, 4-H Coordinators for the U of I Extension, led the corn station and discussed the many products that are made from corn. Cassie Schleich of rural Monmouth taught the students about beef cattle and how different parts are used for meat and various products. Bobby Allaman of rural Kirkwood, with help from Justin and baby Emmeline in matching chicken and chick costumes, taught the third graders about poultry and demonstrated how to make egg noodles. Lynn Shimmin of rural Roseville led the pork station and named and showed examples of the different cuts of pork. Deb Moore of rural Roseville taught about soybeans and the numerous products made from this crop. Jared Kunkle of rural Monmouth, leader of the drone station, brought in a drone to explain how drones are used in agriculture. He even took the third graders outdoors and allowed students to help him co-pilot the drone.

At the end of Ag Day all teachers were given bags with goodies for their students as well as classroom agriculture resources. Many thanks to our Monmouth McDonald's for donating ice cream cone coupons to each student.

We appreciate our presenters donating their morning to teach our local students about areas of agriculture they know well. We would like to thank the Fairview Center United Methodist Church for letting us use their facility to host our event. We also must thank our wonderful volunteers who helped keep the day running smoothly: Karen Gibson, Rachel Gibson, Molly Reynolds, Carolyn Thomas, Stan Jenks, Pastor Tim Canada, Kim Long and Sue Campbell.

See photos from the day below!



4-H Program Coordinators Beth Chatterton and Nicole Nelson received many thoughts to questions posed during their corn station at April's 3rd Grade Ag Day for Kids.



The beef station was taught by Cassie Schleich.



The conservation station was led by Shannon Pence, Meredith Stamberger, and Shawnee Sheehan.



The poultry station was led by Bobby, Justin, and Emmeline Allaman.



The drone station was led by Jared Kunkle.



The bee station was led by Anna Sharp.



The pork station was led by Lynn Shimmin.



The soybean station was led by Deb Moore.



Thank you to West Central for compiling this collage of the day!