**April 14, 2020**

Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

Questions about this can be directed to Kevin Daugherty, Education Director of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom at [kdaugherty@ilfb.org](mailto:kdaugherty@ilfb.org).

\*\*Reminder these questions are designed to use with the on-line version of *FarmWeek.*

<https://www.farmweeknow.com/eedition/>

Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

*Teachers want to be sure to get this in a timely fashion? Sign up for your copy to be directly emailed at* <http://www.agintheclassroom.org/FWArticle/fwarticle.shtml>

Farm income outlook takes an ugly turn due to COVID-19

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Use the article titled:

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1. What position does Rob Johannson hold?
2. What are the projections for the 2nd Quarter US GDP (Gross Domestic Product?)
3. Describe what the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) means.
4. Why has the GDP taken such a sharp down turn?
5. When does Rob Johansson think the farm recovery will occur?
6. Why do you think Gary Schnitkey suggests farmers consider moving from planting corn this spring to planting soybeans?

A reminder the Illinois AITC program is offering the following new and updated programming through our social media channels:

8:30 am daily Count Down to Earth Day 2020

10 am M-F Eggs in the Classroom a look at embryology—Our Eggs hatched

April 10—we’ll be exploring activities on a farm!

12 noon M-F Everyday Agriculture-a thematic presentation

2 pm daily IAITC Agri-resources. Assorted links for school at home

3-6 pm…. “Right This Very Minute” a look at what farmers and those involved in

Agriculture are doing…right now!

***TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE….relating to Earth Day! Posted every Wednesday on Facebook, complete the challenge and post it to earn a chance for a great incentive!***

Answer Key

1. USDA chief economist
2. A decrease of as much of 25%
3. GDP is the total value of all goods produced and services provided in a country during a specific time frame
4. Because people are at home, people aren’t buying the same, they aren’t traveling (don’t need gas), not buying cars or clothing. So this trickles down to those that are responsible for manufacturing.
5. He predicts a recovery will happen in 2021 and 2022.
6. Answers will vary, but because Illinois also has a number of ethanol plants, the lack of need for this fuel replacement is causing them to not need corn.