**April 4, 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.

\*\*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>

Stratton launches ag diversity campaign; first farm highlighted sees orders triple

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**Directions:** Please use the online version of *FarmWeek.*  <https://www.farmweeknow.com/eedition/>

Use the article titled:

Stratton launches ag diversity campaign; first farm highlighted sees orders triple

1. Name the Lt. Governor of Illinois
2. What is the purpose of the new campaign?
3. Describe how the COVID-19 shelter in place order impacted Harold Wilkins Business.
4. Describe the workforce at the operation.
5. How did Lt. Gov. Stratton describe the pipeline of food?
6. Describe how you could buy local in your area.

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!

12 noon M-F Everyday Agriculture-a thematic presentation

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

***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. Juliana Stratton
2. Connecting consumers with farmers and businesses that grow, raise, process and sell diverse foods within the state
3. Wilkins said his business dried up as he sold to specialty bakers that sold to restaurants, and because these are closed or have different ways to reach customers, his products weren’t needed by his main customer base.
4. Located in Ashkum, a small town of 800, workers now include employees, farm crew, relatives college students and his teacher wife, all working to fill orders.
5. After panic buying at the beginning of the shelter in place, food companies are redirecting to grocery stores but the Lt. Governor descried the pipleing as strong and resilient. She said there is no danger of running out of food and encouraged people to buy local.
6. Answers will vary.