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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.

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\*\*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.

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

Or the link to the article directly at:  **https://iaitc.co/broadband**

Use the article titled: FCC releases new broadband map

1. What is the FCC?
2. What does the new map released by the FCC show?
3. What exactly is broadband? How is it important to you?
4. What reason do you think the Illinois Farm Bureau would be interested in broadband access?
5. Visit the map at fcc.gov/broadbanddata and determine what your coverage is reported as. Do you agree with this report? Why or why not.
6. How did access to broadband change for you in the last 3 years?

Answers:

1. The Federal Communications Commission.
2. The new map displays specific information about broadband availability across the country
3. Broadband is defined as access to a network that provides the internet. Broadband connections include Wi-Fi, DSLs, fiber, and satellites. How it is important to students will vary.
4. The Illinois Farm Bureau represents many families in rural areas where there might be less reliable services.
5. Answers will vary.
6. We are approaching the 3 year anniversary of the COVID-19 shutdowns in Illinois that began in March 2020. Access to broadband for virtual almost everything became more important. Students may describe how access has impacted them in the last three years.