**March 24, 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 groups, USDA plan to maintain meat supply, animal movements**

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Use the article titled:

**Farm groups, USDA plan to maintain meat supply, animal movements**

1. What date does the article say the COVID-19 pandemic started in the United States?
2. Who is Brian Duncan?
3. Explain the parts that Duncan mentions as part of the supply chain providing fresh meat to grocery stores.
4. What is happening to meat prices right now?
5. In the second article Dr. Gary Schnitkey, University of Illinois professor of agricultural and consumer economics explains why you might see some empty shelves at the supermarket. How does he explain this?

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 on an ag topic with

A K-3, STEM And 4-8 activity

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

Answer Key

1. March 11
2. Vice President of the Illinois Farm Bureau and a hog farmer from Polo in Ogle County.
3. Inputs to the farm including animal feed and animal health products, transportation to move animal from farms to processing plants, processing facilities and transportation to get final product to market. Labor is a key for all these topics.
4. While meat is in demand at the grocery store, and prices might be higher for consumers, prices paid to farmers are still low.
5. The supply chain is changing from a distribution of restaurants and grocery stores to a more grocery store focused system. The distribution system needs a little time to adjust their supply to meet the surge in needs.