**March 31, 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.

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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.

*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>

**Veterinarian dissects coronavirus origin, concerns as planting nears AND WIU interactive map tracks COVID-19 spread**

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Use the article titled:

**Veterinarian dissects coronavirus origin, concerns as planting nears AND WIU interactive map tracks COVID-19 spread**

1. What reasons are farmers considered ‘essential’ employees during this government action to limit social interaction?
2. Define zoonotic.
3. How does a disease become a pandemic or epidemic?
4. How should farmers handle the threat of disease and the upcoming planting season?
5. Why are farmers warned not to ‘tough it out’?
6. In the second article, why was it important to get an updated dashboard of those infected at the county level?

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. Those in agriculture work to provide and support the nation’s food supply, and they are getting ready for planting.
2. Moves between animals and humans
3. Human to Human transmission makes disease easier to spread to reach epidemic or pandemic proportions.
4. Proceed with caution. Limit person to person contact. Wipe down handles on doors and machinery each day. Consult a doctor and self-quarantine if you become ill. Wash your hands, clean handles of (vehicles) and implements.
5. Answers will vary. Now is not the time to tough it out, take care of yourself as to not infect others if you get sick.
6. By showing materials at the local level with county reported facts, citizens can remained more informed about the disease.