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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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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/GrainTour**

Use the article titled: Grain Tour all about building relationship, demand

Questions:

1. How many grain buyers/industry representative from how many countries recently visited Assumption, IL?
2. Who is the Illinois Department of Ag Director?
3. What is the value of agricultural products exported from Illinois each year?
4. What percentage of IL corn and soybeans are exported annually?
5. What has made Illinois and the U.S. key suppliers of ag products worldwide?
6. Explain what is meant by ‘supply off the market’ that is leading to a higher demand for Illinois products.
7. From an economic perspective, what will happen to the price of crops with a shrinking supply of crops and a steady or increasing demand for those crop?

Answers:

1. 40 people from 7 countries
2. Jerry Costello
3. $8.5 Billion worth of ag products are exported each year.
4. About half of the corn and soybeans grown in IL are exported annually.
5. Instability in the Black Sea Region (Russia and Ukraine) as well as droughts in Europe, China and South America
6. Answers will vary, but due to the droughts across the world and the turmoil in Russia and the Ukraine, the amount of crops are not available for others to purchase, so they are ‘off the market’. They are not available.
7. Typically as demand stays the same (or increases) and supply decreases, prices go up.