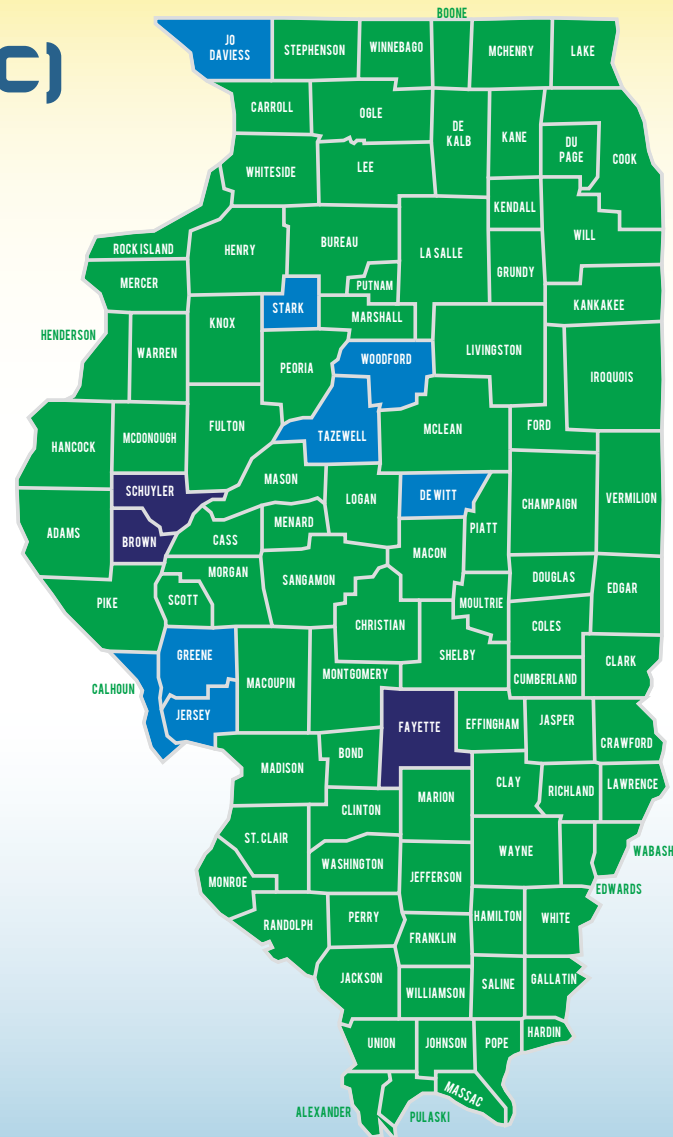


AG IN THE CLASSROOM (AITC)

The Agriculture In The Classroom (AITC) program provides accurate, standards based agricultural classroom materials and resources to teachers across the state.



Using our network of county agricultural literacy coordinators, Illinois AITC continues to be the powerhouse of agricultural literacy programming. Partners supporting these efforts include: county Farm Bureaus, UIUC Extension, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers, Illinois Soybean Association, and Midwest Dairy Association. Financial support for IAITC is provided by industry partners and individuals who contribute through the IAA Foundation.



- Counties awarded an AITC grant and hire a paid coordinator
- Counties did not apply for an AITC grant and hire a paid coordinator
- Counties did not apply for an AITC grant and provide programs by volunteers

AG IN THE CLASSROOM

79 coalitions covering 89 counties were funded in part through generous support of the IAA Foundation and the IAITC county coalition grant program. All counties in Illinois received teacher resources, student resources and related materials from the IAITC program.



664,534

PreK - 8 grade students grew in knowledge about food and farms through classroom lessons.



\$640,000

In grants were awarded to **79** county ag literacy programs serving **89** counties. Average grant per coalition was **\$8,101**.



37,650

Teachers and **2,972** (70%) school centers utilized agricultural lessons to teach academic



124,995

Community members engaged in learning about agriculture through AITC.



\$2,489,067

In state and local funds were invested to support local efforts.