

Subject: **Farmers Close Agriculture Knowledge Gap**

Summary: Agriculture education in the schools is an important issue with farmers who want school kids to know where their food originates. Fortunately, most kids like to learn about farming, particularly when they get the opportunity to leave the classroom and see something of farming firsthand.

Suggested Lead: Making sure school children learn about agriculture and the contributions it makes to our standard of living is important to farmers. Stewart Truelsen reports from Alamance County, North Carolina.

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Suggested supers: Henry Vines, President
Alamance County, N.C. Farm Bureau
@ :17

Daniese Smith
Alamance Elementary School
Greensboro, N.C.
@ 1:11

Stewart Truelsen
Reporting
@ 1:24

Anchor Tag: To learn more about the Agriculture in the Classroom program available in every state you can check out this web site, www.agclassroom.org.

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<p>Event coordinator welcoming kids to Cedarock Historical Working Farm in North Carolina/</p>	<p>SOT/ WE'VE GOT EIGHT EXHIBITS FOR YOU TODAY WITH PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE GOING TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THIS...</p>
<p>Line of kids/ Kids at exhibit with sow and baby pigs/</p>	<p>VO/ AGRICULTURE EDUCATION IS FUN FOR KIDS, AND IT'S A BIG DEAL FOR FARMERS WHO WORRY THAT THE MORE URBANIZED AMERICA BECOMES, THE LESS ITS KNOWS AND APPRECIATES ABOUT FARMING.</p>
<p>Sound bite Henry Vines, President Alamance County, N.C. Farm Bureau Henry and kids at beef cattle exhibit and with Angus beef heifers/</p>	<p>SOT/ SOME OF THESE KIDS THAT'S OUT HERE TODAY THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A COW, THEY'VE NEVER SEEN A CHICKEN AND A LOT OF THEM DON'T EVEN REALIZE THAT THEIR FOOD COMES FROM THE FARM. THEY THINK IT COMES FROM FOOD LION, WAL-MART OR WHATEVER.</p>
<p>Woman explaining about chickens/.</p>	<p>SOT/ SO IN ONLY 8 WEEKS IT'S GOING TO GET MUCH BIGGER THAN THAT. IT'S GOING TO BE BETWEEN SEVEN AND EIGHT POUNDS, OK?</p>
<p>Kid taking notes/ Girl picking up chick/ Soil and water demonstration station/</p>	<p>VO/ FARMERS ARE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT ANY OF THESE KIDS WILL NECESSARILY BECOME FARMERS, BUT SOMEDAY THEY WILL BE VOTERS AND MAYBE OPINION LEADERS ON ISSUES LIKE THE</p>

	ENVIRONMENT.
Henry Vines sound bite/ Grain product displays/	SOT/ MAYBE THEY WILL TAKE SOME KIND OF KNOWLEDGE WITH THEM THAT YOU KNOW WE GOT A FARMING COMMUNITY OUT HERE THAT HELPS SUPPORT US TO LIVE AND TO EAT AND IF WE DISRUPT ALL THAT THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE ENDING UP WITH NOTHING TO EAT.
Kids looking at bees/ Teacher at blackboard/	VO/ FIELD TRIPS LIKE THIS ARE BUT A SMALL PART OF THE EFFORT. MOST AG-EDUCATION IS BEING DONE IN SCHOOL THROUGH THE AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN EVERY STATE.
Sound bite Daniese Smith Alamance Elementary School Greensboro, N.C. Daniese at her desk, close-up of Ag in the Classroom papers/	SOT/ THE AG IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM PROVIDES A LOT OF MATERIALS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO USE. IT HAS SOME CORRELATIONS WITH THE STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY FOR US SO THAT WE CAN BE ABLE TO TIE IT IN WITH ALL THE OBJECTIVES THAT WE HAVE TO TEACH IN THE CLASSROOM.
Kids and tractor/ Vines and kids/	VO/ IN CLASSROOM OR ON A FARM, AGRICULTURE IS SOMETHING KIDS LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT. IN ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, I'M STEWART TRUELSEN.