

CAREE Comments

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Madison County CAREE is in its fourth and final “Land of Illinois” visits for the 2007-2008 school year. The Madison County fourth grade students will learn more about the importance of technology in their every day lives. Technology is especially important to agriculture since it has helped to evolve agriculture over the years.

Students will learn more about how different agriculture inventions have changed agriculture starting with the invention of the cotton gin in 1793 and ending with Biotechnology in the 21st century. There are many other very important inventions that will also be discussed like John Deere’s steel plow, barbed wire, and gasoline tractors.

Students will take a look back at the past and then into the present on how agriculture has evolved. They will learn about how many people one farmer could feed in 1930, 1960, 1990 and presently. In 1930 one farmer could feed 10 people where in 1960 they could feed 25. That number grew to 75 in 1990, and presently they can feed around 145 people. By looking at how farmers were able to increase the number of people they could feed, students will have a better understanding about just how much technology has helped agriculture evolve throughout the years.

At the end of the presentation students will get a chance to play Agriculture Bingo and test their knowledge of agriculture that they have learned throughout the year.

