

Dear Classroom Teachers,

The Mission of Ag in the Classroom is to teach third grade students the importance of Agriculture. Students develop an understanding of the impact of Agriculture in their everyday lives.

- ◆ Your School will be assigned to one of the four different tours that will have a balance of plant and animal science.
- ◆ Students will participate in hands-on learning activities in five different stations between 10:20 a.m. and 12:20 p.m.
- ◆ Students need to bring a packed lunch. Your school will have an assigned area to place their students' lunches when they arrive at the fairgrounds.
- ◆ Let us know, *in advance*, of any special needs students.



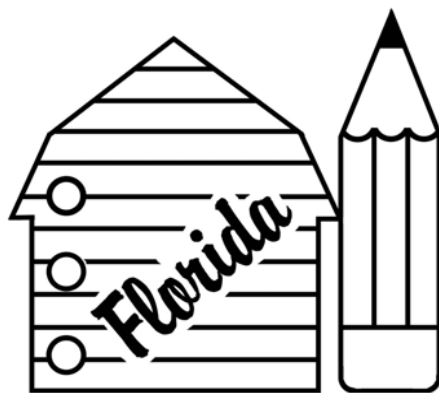
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August 10<sup>th</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup>

## Ag in the Classroom

Proudly Presents

### HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

# AG-VENTURE



### Florida State Fairgrounds

Fall: Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Spring: April 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
April 26<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

This is a  
Special Invitation  
for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students  
to Join Us for a 1-day

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A Chance to Touch, Taste, and  
See Florida Agriculture  
in a fun-filled atmosphere

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Time: 10:20 A.M. - 12:20 P.M.  
Place: Florida State Fairgrounds

**\*Field Trip is  
\$2.00 per student\***

Payable to Hillsborough County  
Ag-Venture, Inc. upon arrival  
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4-H/Hillsborough County Extension,  
Hillsborough County Farm Bureau,  
Florida State Fair Authority  
and  
Florida's Agriculture Commodity  
Organizations

## To Join Us.....

- ◆ **PLEASE NOTE:**  
On-Line Registration ONLY.  
All registrations need to be completed on-line at [www.ag-venture.com](http://www.ag-venture.com) from August 10<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- ◆ **The registration process must be completed in its entirety. Any information left out will void your registration. This information is needed for Federal Affirmative Action Report.**
- ◆ **Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of tours are available.**
- ◆ **You will be notified of the confirmation date as soon as we receive your registration.**
- ◆ **You will also receive detailed information on arrival times, directions, etc. If your school has NOT received this information at least one week prior to scheduled field trip, please have the Assistant Principal contact the Florida State Fair at (813) 621-7821 ext 229.**
- ◆ **All teachers will also receive worksheets and activities on Florida Agriculture and commodities.**
- ◆ **FULL PAYMENT WILL BE DUE UPON ARRIVAL.**

# AG-VENTURE

Ag-Venture is a “hands-on” learning experience designed to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> graders about the importance of agriculture and to help them develop an understanding and appreciation of where their food comes from.

As the students arrive, they are divided into groups and given a bright colored “cowboy” hat or bandana. The hats and bandanas not only keep track of the different groups (each group has a different color hat) but the youngsters love them and they set the stage for an “AG” day!

The Student Tours will consist of visiting 5 stations representing different aspects of agriculture and participate in a variety of hands-on activities.



Students may have the opportunity to visit one of our stations featuring animal agriculture such as Horses, Swine, or Dairy - and learn about the products we use from these animals.



Other stations feature the plant aspects of agriculture learning about plant germination, plants we eat, and more about our local crops like citrus and strawberries.



There are always a variety of other stations teaching students about agriculture here in Hillsborough County - from Bees to Phosphate to Fiber - there is always something to touch, taste or feel.

**PLEASE NOTE: STATIONS VARY FROM YEAR TO YEAR**