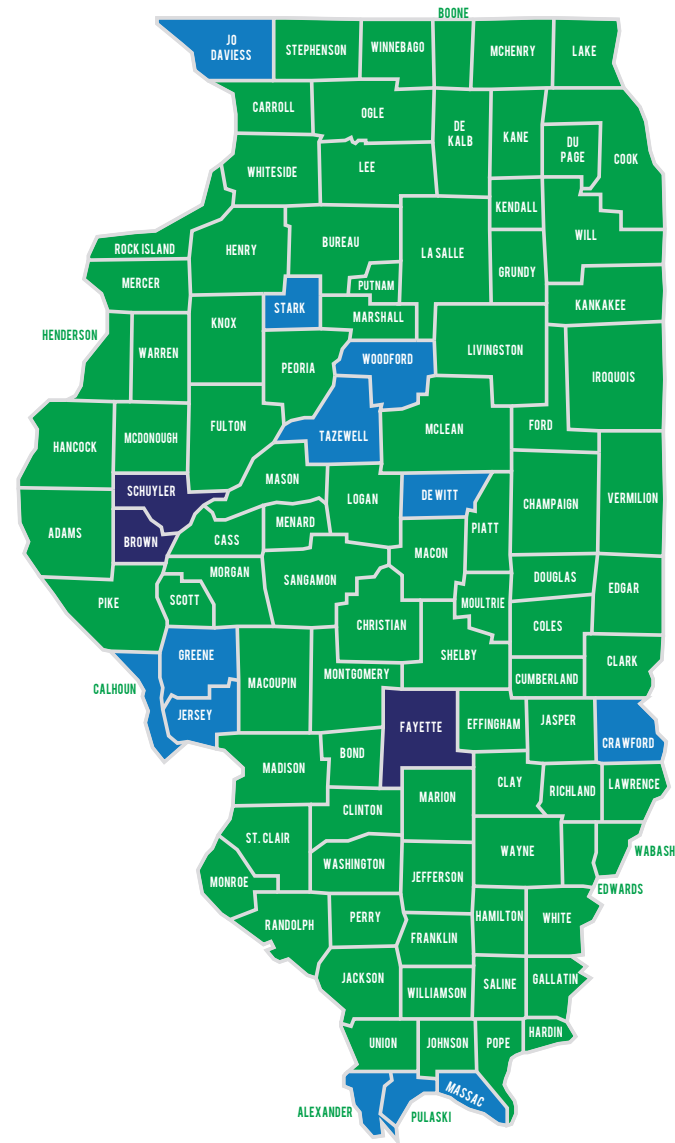


AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM



The Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) program provided accurate, standards based agricultural classroom materials and resources to pre-K - 12 grade teachers across the state. Using the network of county agricultural literacy coordinators, Illinois AITC continued to be the powerhouse of agricultural literacy programming. Matching grants were provided to county coalitions to develop an advisory council and hire an AITC coordinator. Financial support for AITC was provided by agricultural organizations and foundations, business and industry partners, commodity groups, farm bureaus, extension, soil and water conservation districts, and private individuals.



- 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



AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM



463,642

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



\$667,000

Grants were awarded to 78 coalitions in 87 counties. The average grant per coalition was **\$8,551**.



25,642

Teachers and **2,713** (64%) school centers utilized agricultural lessons to teach academic concepts.



94,923

Community members were engaged in learning about agriculture through AITC.



\$1,771,047

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