**County Activities of Excellence**

**2012 Winners**

**Project:** Lil’ Acres

**Program Area:** Education and Ag Promotion

**County Farm Bureau, State:** Rutherford County Farm Bureau, TN

**Membership Category:** 12,001+ members

**Program Description:** Rutherford County, Tennessee is one of the fastest-growing counties in the state with a need for community-wide agricultural education. The Rutherford County Farm Bureau hosted the Lil’ Acres program to teach children about agriculture and where their food comes from in a fun and friendly way. Several barnyard exhibits such as a garden, grain bin, orchard, and a pretend cow to milk were among many age-appropriate options for students to experience. Children had the opportunity to harvest produce, apples, and eggs and sell them at the farmers’ market. The play money they received from selling their goods allowed them to purchase farm coloring books. More than 2,000 K-2 students and parents have been contacted as a part of this program.

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