County Activities of Excellence
2012 Winners

**Project:** SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers and Students)

**Program Area:** Education and Ag Promotion

**County Farm Bureau, State:** Kane County Farm Bureau, Illinois

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

**Program Description:** With increasing school standards for children to learn about suburban, urban, and rural life, teachers have to pack their lesson plans with even more information and instruction. Kane County Farm Bureau volunteers help to accommodate teachers by reading agriculturally themed books to local 3rd grade classes, and even bring corn, wheat, soybeans, and farm toys in to help students better grasp concepts through hands-on learning. The Kane County Farm Bureau has reached over 50 classrooms in 16 different schools totaling over 1,700 students. SPROUTS is a signature program that promotes the Farm Bureau Foundation in a very positive way by sending Farm Bureau members out into the community, raising awareness of the organization’s mission and fulfills their goal of creating awareness within the community in learning about the story of food.

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