

Top 10 Ways to Get Agriculture into the Classroom!

Questions to ask the teacher before a visit or sending items

- What is the school policy on food being served to students?
 - Are there any food allergies that I should be aware of?
- What is the school policy on animals being brought into the building?
- Do I need a criminal background check prior to the visit?

1. Send photos

- Ideas for photos can include photos of your house, family, livestock, machinery, special events in your life, the town closest to you, and more!

2. Create a photo book of the seasons on your farm or ranch.

- Take a photo of the same area during each season (Fall, Winter, Spring)

3. Send videos of your farm or ranch to the classroom. Ideas for videos:

- Combine driving during harvest, planter driving during planting, unloading a bale into a feeder, feeding cattle, taking the grain truck to the elevator.

4. Participate in a Google Hangout with your classroom.

- Technology is there! Create a google account to participate in a hangout or use the application Skype to video chat with your classroom. For assistance, please contact Courtney Schardt, (402) 421-4461 or courtneys@nefb.org.

5. Accurate Agriculture Books

- Send a book to donate to the classroom.
- Offer to read a book to your classroom or a classroom in your community.
- Check out the list of recommended books attached in this handbook!

6. Send seeds or plants to your classroom.

- Contact Courtney Schardt to request seeds to give to your classroom. Check out the activity Soybeanie Baby and Farming in a Glove on our website!

7. Tootsie Rolls

- Did you know they can be made from beef cattle, pigs, corn, and soybeans?

8. Record your voice while reading your letter.

- Most cellphones are capable of creating voice recordings. Write your letter and then record yourself reading it into your cellphone or tablet. Need help? Call or email Courtney Schardt, (402) 421-4461 or courtneys@nefb.org.

9. Coordinate a visit to your classroom

- Take a PowerPoint presentation full of pictures and information about your farm/ranch.
- Many students learn about life cycles. Check out our activities Farming in a Glove or Soybeanie Baby at www.nefbfoundation.org to share with students. Call for supplies!

10. Host a classroom to your farm or ranch

- Sometimes matches are far apart, but often classrooms call and want to take a field trip to a farm or ranch. Please share if you would be willing to host a classroom to your farm or ranch.