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NY Agriculture in the Classroom Announces April 8, 2008 Ag Literacy Day

How many children understand where the food on their table comes from? On April 8, 2008 students throughout New York State will be learning about what happens in the garden all year during the third annual New York Agriculture Literacy Day, coordinated by New York Agriculture in the Classroom.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County is currently seeking teachers, parents and schools to participate in this exciting interactive event.

Ag Literacy Day will be celebrated across the state in second grade classrooms with a visit from a community member involved in agriculture. The book *Sugarbush Spring* by Marsha Wilson Chall will be read to the class and then donated to the school library.

To participate in this event contact Dona Crawford at 845-340-3990. There is a limited supply of books and maple syrup.

Another way for volunteers and teachers to help children understand agriculture is involvement in the annual *Be Aware of New York Agriculture Contest*. For more information about Ag Literacy Day, *Be Aware*, and other Ag in the Classroom programs, visit the website www.nyaged.org/aitc.

New York Agriculture in the Classroom is a partnership of Cornell University, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets, NYS Education Department, and NY Farm Bureau. The program works with cooperative extension educators, teachers, Farm Bureau members, and others throughout the state to foster an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of agriculture and the total food and fiber system.

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