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**GEORGIA AG EXPERIENCE VISITS NAME OF YOUR TOWN**

**Name of your town, Ga. –** Name of school GAE visited School third through fifth-graders **(Change the grades listed here to reflect which grades toured the mobile classroom at your school)** have a better understanding of how farmers grow their food thanks to the Georgia Ag Experience visiting their school on **Month & dates** **i.e. Jan. 13-15. (only put #s – please don’t put rd or th after #s.**

The Georgia Ag Experience is a mobile classroom housed in a 36-foot trailer, which gives elementary students the chance to take a virtual field trip to a farm without leaving their school. Colorful farm photos, interactive technology and displays of products made from various ag commodities grown in Georgia highlight the importance of agriculture to their daily lives. The Georgia Ag Experience highlights Georgia’s poultry, beef cattle, cotton, peanut, timber, horticulture, fruit, vegetable and pecan farms.

The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture created and maintains the Georgia Ag Experience classroom with the support of numerous Georgia ag organizations.

“**Name of your county here** County Farm Bureau is grateful the Georgia Foundation for Agriculture selected our county and Name of school GAE visited as a stop on the Georgia Ag Experience’s inaugural tour of Georgia,” said **Name of your county here** County Farm Bureau **President or Women’s Committee** **Chairman – whichever you think most appropriate for your county.** “The Georgia Ag Experience classroom is a wonderful way to let students who have little to no first-hand knowledge of farming learn how farmers grow their food, cotton for clothes or timber for paper and lumber. We appreciate the teachers and principal at Name of school GAE visited for working with us to host the mobile classroom. Several years from now, we hope to be able to bring the Georgia Ag Experience back to name of your county so that other elementary students can enjoy this virtual farm tour. ”

Students learned how farmers plant and harvest their crops, take care of their livestock and preserve the natural resources on their farms. The classroom also highlighted the many career options in agriculture. All exhibits and lessons that are part of the Georgia Ag Experience have been professionally designed to meet science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) standards.

The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture is partnering with county Farm Bureau offices across the state to arrange local mobile classroom visits. Teachers or school staff interested in booking the Georgia Ag Experience for a school or community event, should contact their local Farm Bureau. Only county Farm Bureau staff can book classroom visits with the foundation.

Visit  [www.gfb.ag/contact](http://www.gfb.ag/contact) to access your local Farm Bureau’s contact information. Visit [www.gfb.ag/experienceplanavisit](http://www.gfb.ag/experienceplanavisit) to access instructions for scheduling a visit and a list of dates the mobile classroom will be available across the state in 2021.

For more information about the Georgia Ag Experience and a list of the ag organizations, agribusinesses and Georgia commodity commissions that are generously supporting the mobile ag classroom visit [www.georgiaagexperience.org](http://www.georgiaagexperience.org)***.***Visit[www.gfb.ag/GAEclassroomvirtualtour](http://www.gfb.ag/GAEclassroomvirtualtour)to tour the classroom.

The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to preparing the next generation of leaders for success in Georgia agriculture. The GFA works with Georgia Farm Bureau and other Georgia agricultural and educational organizations to achieve its mission. The foundation offers scholarships to students pursuing agricultural careers, funds leadership development programs and projects that increase the public’s understanding of agriculture. To make a tax-deductible donation, learn more about the foundation or the scholarships, visit [www.gafoundationag.org](http://www.gafoundationag.org) or contact Lily Baucom at info@gafoundation.org or 478-405-3461. ###