

Five-Minute Ideas for Secondary Students

- Thought for the Day:
 - How do only 2% of the populations feed the rest of us?
 - Agribusiness is the #1 business in the country. Who do you know who is involved with it? Ex: local co-op manager, tractor supplier.
- Agriculture quote of the week: example- “Destroy our farms, and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country”, William Jennings Bryan 1896
- Take an agriculture product and brainstorm its uses for five minutes.
- Feature a famous agricultural personality as “Person of the Week”. Have a picture on a poster of that person. Give Clues pertaining to his/her identity each day. Whoever guesses first is the winner. (Ex. Henry Wallace, John Deere.
- Feature ag news in current events discussions.
- Have students brainstorm about “a New York without cows”.
- Quiz game—Have each student try to name one agricultural related program of the federal government.
- Discuss a famous agriculture invention and its impact.
- Bring pictures of agriculture implements. Have students guess their uses. Include modern devices, ie. Computer, infrared cameras, sprayer planes, new tillage equipment.
- List the agribusinesses in NY.
- Make a list of agricultural products raised in NY.
- Take a map of the world and try to trace where NY agriculture products are sent. Use pieces of yarn to show the connection between individual countries and NY.
- Brainstorm about what NY geographical features make it a farming state.
- Brainstorm about how a decreased fall of ten inches a year would change NY farming.

Create a whole lesson plan

These activities would pair wonderfully with Long Island Farm Bureau’s “A Farm Picture”, a 38 minute video depicting the history, economics and beauty of Long Island Agriculture. For more information, call Long Island Farm Bureau (631) 727-3777 or email at AskUs@lifb.com



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