

**CLARK COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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One of the most rewarding events sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation District is the Fifth Grade Ag/Conservation Expo for fifth graders. Back in summer of 1993, the Clark County SWCD worked with partners; University of Illinois Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Clark County Farm Bureau with the planning of an Agriculture/Conservation Expo for the fifth graders in the county. Later that fall, the first Expo was held. Fifth grade students from the three Clark County schools have attended and participated in the Expo for the past 13 years.

The Expo takes place at Murphy Farms, near Clarksville each year in September. Students are presented information on various topics relating to agriculture and conservation, including water quality, forestry, wildlife, crop production, livestock production, and water quality and farm safety. The Expo provides the students with a 'hands on' learning experience. Also associated with the event is a conservation poster contest sponsored by the SWCD. The contest theme relates to information presented at the Ag/Conservation Expo.

Both teachers and students leave the Expo with an increased knowledge of agriculture and conservation. It's always very obvious that the students have learned a lot by the message and creativity that is seen in their posters.



Livestock Management



Water Quality



Forestry



Wildlife Management