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4-H Ag in the Classroom

Along with the 4-H clubs and projects, the Mariposa County 4-H Youth Development Program offers a school enrichment program called "Ag in the Classroom" which began with funding from the Mariposa County Farm Bureau in spring 2001. With this gracious donation, our local teachers can now check out materials for use in their classrooms. During this past school year, there were 12 teachers at 5 local schools, and over 600 students using the school enrichment materials such as Embryology, Butterfly Gardens, Root-view Gardens, Entomology, and Honey Bee Life Cycle Curriculums.

The Ag in the Classroom program is a great opportunity for students to enjoy 'learn-by-doing' educational experiences, and develop skills that will benefit their lives. New curriculum added for the 2002-03 school year will be Food & Nutrition, Dairy Cows, 4-H Junior Master Gardener Program, and baby farm animals. The Ag in the Classroom curriculum will be available to public, home, and private schools in Mariposa County this upcoming school year. Last years curriculum is available now, but the new materials will be available after September 15th.

If you are interested in using the Ag in the Classroom curriculum in your classroom or would like additional information on this program, contact Donna Wice at 966-4829 or drop by the 4-H Informational Booth at the Mariposa County Fair to see some of the curriculum.

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