Dear [Teacher and Administrator]:

**[County Farm Bureau or Business Name]** is excited to partner with Agriculture in the Classroom to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Agriculture Literacy Week, March 17-21, 2025. During this week, volunteers from across the state will be participating by serving as guest readers in preschool through second grade classrooms where they will read Agriculture in the Classroom's 2025 Book of the Year, <u>Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm</u>, by Lindsay Metcalf.

This week is routinely recognized by special proclamation from the governor and offers students a fun and educational opportunity to learn more about farming and the source of their food. Additionally, the event connects teachers and schools to resources in their community. Past readers have included the First Lady of Virginia, Virginia's Secretary of Agriculture and many more dedicated members of the agriculture community.

This year's book features pen pals Emma and Efrem as they write to each other comparing and contrasting their families' farms. Students will learn of the many different ways that food is produced, and the technology involved in creating an abundant food supply. To complement the book Agriculture in the Classroom has developed enrichment activities to further students' learning. These, as well as a comprehensive lesson plan library, can be found on the Agriculture in the Classroom.org.

We hope that your [school/district/classroom] will join us as we share agriculture's story with you!

Sincerely,

[Insert Name and Contact Information Here]