



## **2011 Bike Ride for Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom**

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The “Spokes People for Agriculture” have done it again. Chalk up another successful IAA Foundation fundraiser in support of the **Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom** program!

The fundraising event kicked off with a delicious banquet sponsored by PotashCorp at the Lincoln Land Community College Trutter Center on September 5th with over 40 cyclists registered and ready to pedal for the cause on September 6th, 7th, & 8th in six Central Illinois counties.

Traveling over 500 miles in 3 days, cyclists and IAITC supporters spread the message of agriculture to almost 5,000 students in 27 area schools by playing an interactive game called the “Cash Commodity Challenge.” Students enjoyed this educational activity that taught them about where their food, fiber and fuel come from. The presentation concluded with cyclists sharing meaningful bicycle safety advice and showing students some of the specialty bicycles used in the ride.

Highlights along the Ride included Springfield’s famous horseshoe buffet at the Dublin Pub at Vinegar Hill sponsored by Monsanto and a shopping trip to SCHEEL’s to ride the ferris wheel, taste delicious fudge, and enjoy various sports simulators... an athlete and shopper’s dream all wrapped into one! The generous dinner sponsor for the Wednesday evening meal was COUNTRY® Financial Macoupin-Greene-Jersey Agency. Additionally, the Christian, Logan, Macoupin, Menard, Montgomery and Sangamon County Farm Bureau’s® graciously provided many lunches throughout the Ride.

