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Dear Fourth & Fifth Grade Teachers,

It is once again time for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s Ag in the Classroom Essay Contest. This year’s contest, open to fourth and fifth graders, is entitled, *‘How have Wisconsin soybean farmers fueled Wisconsin’s economy?’* Essays must be between 100 – 300 words in length. The essay is based on Wisconsin Farm Bureau’s book of the Year *“Full of Beans: Henry Ford Grows a Car”* written by Peggy Thomas. This book has been donated to your local library from St Croix County Farm Bureau.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the contest rules, website information and essay contest resources. Please consider having your students compete in this contest. Essays are to be postmarked and returned to me by April 1, 2021. My address is included on the bottom of this letter as well as on the essay contest information sheet. Please feel free to contact me if I can help answer questions or be more of a resource to you.

The winning student from St Croix County will be recognized and receive a prize. There will then be 9 top ranked district winners that will compete for the overall state winner. The state winners will be announced in May.

Thank you for partnering with us in educating our children about Wisconsin agriculture! If we can assist you in any way, please contact us!

I look forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,

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