**Poultry FarmChat - Hillis Elementary 4th Grade with JorJan Johnson**

Theme: Laying Hens

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014

Grade: Three 4th grade classes.

Contact Teacher: Ms. Sue Bloom-Gilbert (Mrs. Gilbert)

Other teachers: Cindy Cooper (Mrs. Cooper) & Miranda Crisp (Miss Crisp)

Time: Connect at 1:30, End by 2 p.m.

**Outline**

**Introductions @ John Brother’s Farm Sign** - **3 Minutes**

* Cindy introduce herself, JorJan, and Bruce
* Explain where the farm is located
* Bruce give an overview of the operation.
  + What you raise?
  + Primary focus of farm.
* JorJan give a brief overview farm’s history and family involvement.
  + Livestock’s importance to the farm long ago and today

***3 Questions from students about farm***

**Show Farm** (Standing in driveway) - **2 Minutes**

* Shop/Barn
* Equipment (see a tractor or sprayer)
* Grain bins

***3 Questions from students about farm, farm equipment, etc.***

**Baby Chicks** (in barn with chicks) **- 3 Minutes**

* How old? When did you get them?
* Where do you get them?
* How do you care for them? What do they need that is different than hens?
* How many do you get each year?
* Point out that some of these will come to the school in late August

***2-3 Questions from students about baby chicks***

**Overview of Hens** (Standing by front of run) **- 3 Minutes**

* What Breed(s)
* How old?
* What age do they start laying?
* How many eggs do they lay/day

***2-3 Questions from students about hens***

**Outside of Hen House** (At side of coop, showing run and coop) **- 2 Minutes**

* How big?
* How many hens can it hold?
* Explain parts (run, building, etc)
* How do you keep animals out?
* Where do they spend most of their time

***3 Questions about Hen House and run***

**Inside of Hen House** (inside coop) **- 2 Minutes**

* Feed & Water
  + What do they eat?
  + How do they eat and drink?
  + How often do you feed them?
* Nesting Boxes
* Egg in Nesting box

***3 Questions about Inside of Hen House***

***Walk outside for more 3-5 more questions and wrap-up***

**Total Talking Time: 14 minutes Total time for Questions: 10 minutes**