



## **POLK COUNTY FARM BUREAU**

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### **For Immediate Release**

## **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Polk County Agri-Fest Boasts Record Breaking Attendance**

*Set for April 13-17 and April 27-May 1*

**BARTOW** – More than 6,085 Polk County fourth graders will learn about the area's major agriculture commodities at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual AGRI-FEST. The annual event begins Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Students and their teachers will explore interactive exhibits and attend hands-on workshops each day from 9:45 AM to 12:15 PM on citrus, beef cattle, beekeeping, horticulture, forestry, blueberries, phosphate and soil and water conservation. The field trip will be held at the Polk County Agricultural Center at 1702 Highway 17-98 South in Bartow.

"Agriculture has a tremendous economic impact on Polk County," said Kenny DeVane, president of Polk County Farm Bureau, "This event is a fun, yet educational opportunity to teach students about the main commodities produced in Polk County."

As part of AGRI-FEST, students will squeeze oranges into juice, learn about the beef industry, sample blueberries and honey, practice gardening techniques and experience the hydrological cycle. AGRI-FEST is a cooperative venture between Polk County Public Schools, Polk County Cooperative Extension Service, Polk County Farm Bureau and the local agriculture industry.

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