



Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom

Animal Damage Management Board

Country to Classroom Final Report

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Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC) appreciates the support and investment in our annual publication, *Country to Classroom*. Throughout 2012 WAIC evaluated all of our programs to determine if our current methods and outreach were meeting our level of expectation. After visiting with educators, we found our *Country to Classroom* needed to improve in student engagement and teacher utility.

After the assessment, WAIC determined it was time to try something new for our *Country to Classroom*. The 2012 *Country to Classroom* is unlike the previous versions of the publication. The size and layout changed drastically. The publication in the past few years has been the size of a regular newspaper and printed on a like paper. The new edition was made into a booklet that easily fits onto a student desk and is in full color with more interactive lessons. We also included a Teacher Guide for educators unfamiliar with agriculture and natural resource topics to have a resource and answers right at their fingertips. The Teacher Guide also includes more information on additional WAIC programs.

The Predator Management section focused on skunks as a predator and a student's role in protection from skunks. WAIC worked with Kent Drake for content and pictures, we appreciate the guidance in choosing a topic that would be relevant for students and their family in Wyoming. In total 30,000 student editions were printed and distributed with 1,500 teacher editions.

We received positive feedback from schools and educators with the new direction of our publication. We know that there is still room for improvement and will have even more revision to the 2013 *Country to Classroom*, but we feel confident we are on the right track. The *Country to Classroom* serves as a lesson and prompts for our Bookmark Contest. With this new *Country to Classroom* format, our bookmark entries doubled. This increase in participation reinforces the feedback we have received concerning our publication. Please find attached the financials for the *Country to Classroom*. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact WAIC. Thank you again for your support.