



# NOTE TO THE PROJECT HELPER

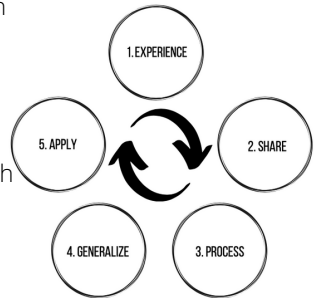
As a project helper, we hope you will encourage, guide and assist the 4-H member through the study of *From the Farm Gate to Your Plate, The Farm Bill Affects Us All*. The lessons are designed for grades 7 to 12. Each online lesson includes:

- An interactive informational section.
- An activity and knowledge check section.

The lessons are designed to be self-directed, but as a helper, you may guide discussion or organize other activities such as a tour, guest to enhance the experiential learning process.

**What you should know about experiential learning.** The online modules introduced youth to information and activities that are arranged in a unique, experiential format. Experiential Learning allows youth to be introduced to a particular practice, idea, or piece of information through an opening **(1) experience**. The member then **(2) shares** what he or she did with the project helper and **(3) processes** the experience and knowledge through a series of questions that allow the youth to **(4) generalize** and **(5) apply** the new knowledge and skill.

## Experiential Learning Model



Kolb, D. A. (1984). *Experiential learning: Experience as the source of learning and development*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

## Your Role As Project Helper:

- Guide the youth and provide support when completing this project.
- Encourage the youth to go beyond the scope of this 4-H project.
- Serve as a resource person and consider additional activities for enrichment and application. This includes job shadowing, guest speakers, local field trips.
- Encourage the youth to apply knowledge from these virtual lessons.



## Background

Did you know the process of getting food from the farm gate to your plate is a complex one? Every five years, a piece of legislation is passed that is commonly called the Farm Bill. Originally started in the Dust Bowl, the first Farm Bill was The Agricultural Act of 1933. It helped agricultural commodity markets by offering financial support to farmers. Today, this bill provides risk protection to food producers, finds new markets for excess agricultural production, enhances conservation, and gets food to limited resource families and individuals.

## Objectives:

By completing this virtual curriculum, youth from 7th to 12th grade will learn about key milestones of the farm bill and how it affects farmers, ranchers and rural families today.

- **Lesson 1:** Identify milestones in the Farm Bill's history.
- **Lesson 2:** Describe the different steps required to pass a Farm Bill into law.
- **Lesson 3:** Understand structure and purpose of the USDA and explain the USDA's role as it relates to the Farm Bill.
- **Lesson 4 & 5:** Explore how the farm bill is organized and learn about programs that impact your communities.