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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**MORE THAN 200 AREA STUDENTS EXPERIENCE FARMLIFE DURING HARVEST**

**Renville County, MN October 13, 2011:** The first ever Renville County Harvest Field Trip will allow more than two hundred elementary students from three districts (BOLD, St. Mary's, Renville County West and Redwood Valley) along with their FFA Leaders the opportunity to experience farms during harvest. This exciting day is filled with hands-on harvest and livestock tours featuring Corn Harvesting, Sheep Farming, Dairy Farming, Sugar Beet Harvesting and a bus tour at the Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Co-Op in Renville.

Area students, FFA members and teachers, along with knowledgeable members from ProAg and the Ag & Renewable Energy Committee (Ag/R.E) will spend the day touring harvest and agricultural sites throughout Renville County during the time of the year that farmers refer to as "the fun part". Members of the Pro Ag Board and Ag/R.E. Committee will be on the bus to help facilitate the tour, encourage a better understanding of farms, harvest and livestock and answer questions.

This field trip is a result of efforts from the ProAg of Renville County and the Ag/R.E. Committee and their desire to educate elementary students about farms and livestock. The focus of the field trip is to increase the understanding of daily farm operations, to expand the knowledge of where food comes from and to promote Ag leadership in area youth.

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If you'd like more information about the Renville County Harvest Field Trip please contact Joel Mathiowetz at 320-522-2657 or by e-mail at joel@corncapitalinnovations.com