GUFFEY: New poultry apps

Kentucky is now well into summer. Here at FFA camp the campers are playing kickball, softball, and canoeing, learning team building activities and are involved in a whole slew of other events. They have traveled from locations including Nicholasburg, Albany, Whitley City and from Bardwell to refine their leadership skills, compete in competitions against the best FFA members in the state and of course to have a good time. Even with their full schedules, they always seem to take a minute or two to update their status or upload a new picture with their smart phones. As many of you are becoming more accustomed to the new technology as I am, we have learned to embrace it. Whether we have to send a text from that bottom field because it’s easier or you’re pulling up a weather app on your phone every 30 minutes just to see how much more time you have before the rain hits, we are all using our smart phones more each and every day.

This is why I believe if you are going to play games or let your kids play games on your smartphone, let’s give them fun and educational agriculture games to play. I have found four new apps for you to try, as a reminder the apps must meet the following criteria: It must be free, it must be entertaining or helpful around the farm, and it must be agriculture and poultry friendly. The four apps I am reviewing this time are Chicktionary, Chick Tac-Toe, Crazy Chicken Run and Egg vs. Chicken. Enjoy!

Chicktionary: This app is a barnyard based scrabble game. I am not a very good speller and I never play other spelling type games but after two games I was hooked on this app. The game is setup for one player, but you can set beside you kids or friends and take turns trying to collect the eggs with letters on them to spell new words. So while you are having fun family time you are also helping your kids to learn new words in a rapid paced spelling game.

Chick Tac-Toe: This app is a simple Tic-Tac-Toe game where you are playing against a chicken. The app’s design originated as an old stand up arcade game. Be warned, it is not as easy as I remember as a child; you may lose a game or two. The game is fun for all ages.

Crazy Chicken Run: This app is an off-shoot from the old foggie game mixed with the old joke “why did the chicken cross the road?” The object of the game is to help the hen find her lost eggs that are rolling around six lanes of traffic on the freeway.

Egg vs. Chicken: This app is a “defend the barnyard” type of game. You are armed with only eggs and you have to defend your perimeter from chickens pecking and scratching through your bales of straw.