

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are grateful for your commitment to ag literacy and for the contributions and support you have shared during this unprecedented time.

Everyone has had to adapt and make changes to their routines. For us, it meant cancelling our two National Ag Week fundraising events and our educational programs including Sacramento Farm Day, Ag Day at the Capitol, and our *Imagine this...* Awards Ceremony.

During times like these, farmers and ranchers are finding new ways to keep products flowing to consumers. Agriculture works everyday to provide each of us with the health, security and freedom as Americans we have come to enjoy; and Agriculture in the Classroom continues to provide education to students through our #LearnAboutAg@Home social media campaign.

You can help us continue providing our agricultural education resources and events by kindly sending your donation today. We are truly grateful for your support. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,



Judy Culbertson
Executive Director

Message from Corrie Davis

As a former teacher, I absolutely love the LearnAboutAg® Starter Kits for teachers new to Ag in the Classroom! The kits help teachers to easily incorporate ag learning into their existing standards-based curriculum.

Now that we are all adjusting to working from home and trying to be teachers for our kids, the #LearnAboutAg@Home campaign was a welcome sight as it showed up on my social media feeds. My daughter and I recently did the "Comparing Apples and...Earth?" activity as we talked about why our state is able to produce such a variety of food on such a small amount of land. Ag in the Classroom helps to connect future California residents to what it means to exist in the top producing agricultural state in the nation when only 2% of its residents are responsible for that food production. Growing up in a farming family, I took for granted the foundational knowledge of farming to which I was privy. As a teacher early in my career, I was shocked at how many students had no idea how much food is grown right in their own backyard! With Ag in the Classroom, it's a win-win both for the students and our state—now and in the future!



Board member Correen Davis and daughter, Esme, the nation when only 2% of its residents are responsible for that food production. Growing up in a farming family, I took for granted the foundational knowledge of farming to which I was privy. As a teacher early in my career, I was shocked at how many students had no idea how much food is grown right in their own backyard! With Ag in the Classroom, it's a win-win both for the students and our state—now and in the future!



2600 RIVER PLAZA DRIVE, #220
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833

ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED

First Class PRSRT
US Postage PAID
Permit #1309
Sacramento, CA

SPRING 2020



#LearnAboutAg@Home

During this time of distance learning, we are excited with the response we've received to our new campaign, LearnAboutAg@Home! Every day at 10 a.m. we share fun and educational ag-tivities that can be enjoyed at home, or in a classroom. Ag-tivities range from *Beefing Up Math*, to making recycled paper, to linking by-products with raw commodities, to making butter, and to everything in-between!

Visit our blog, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts to see our full cadre of ag-tivities.

Blog: <https://learnaboutagathome.wordpress.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/learnaboutag>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LearnAboutAg>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/learnaboutag/>

Your friends, family, colleagues and contacts at newspapers and online publications can enjoy these ag-tivities, and, you can help us continue meeting our mission of helping students learn about the important role of agriculture by promoting #LearnAboutAg@Home.



VISIT US ONLINE AT LEARNABOUTAG.ORG!



CALIFORNIA
AGRICULTURE IN
THE CLASSROOM
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE FOR
EDUCATORS

SEPTEMBER 24-26
VENTURA, CA

BENEFACTOR

Bayer Corporation
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Teachers Association
California Department of Food and Agriculture
California Olive Committee
Farm Credit: American AgCredit; Yosemite Farm Credit; Farm Credit West; Golden State Farm Credit; CoBank; Fresno Madera Farm Credit
J.R. Simplot Company Foundation
Jim Hicks Family Foundation
Jim and Neta Hicks
McDonald's
National Agriculture in the Classroom
Oreggia Family Foundation
Raley's
Stater Bros. Charities
Sustainable Futures Fund
Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC
The James G. Boswell Foundation
Zenith Agribusiness Solutions

DEAN

Blue Diamond Growers
CALAMCO
BRANDT Foundation
California Beef Council
California Blueberry Commission
California Cattle Council
California Strawberry Commission
California Table Grape Commission
California Walnut Board
Corteva Agriscience
E. & J. Gallo Winery
Foster Farms
GEO Group Foundation
Grand National Foundation
Grimmway Farms
Grow West
Peter and Penny Jelito
Bob Johnson
Mechanics Bank
Nutrien
Olive Hill Greenhouses, LLC
Orange County Farm Bureau
The Wonderful Company Foundation

VISTA DEL MONTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOYING TASTE AND TEACH PROGRAM

PRINCIPAL

2445 Organics
California Apple Commission
California Cotton Alliance
GE Foundation
George and Ruth Bradford Foundation
Gorrill Ranch
John and Carole Harris Fund
PGIM Real Estate Finance
Elio and Joy Rodoni
Brad and Sally Scott
Sperry Farms
Steven Moore Farms
The Albert & Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
Union Bank N.A.
Vino Farms, LLC
WaterStone Giving Strategies
Western Growers



LearnAboutAg® Starter Kits

In an effort to make teaching about agriculture easy, we are pleased to share with you one of our newest resources, the Ag in the Classroom Starter Kit! We built the kit with a grant from the National Ag in the Classroom Organization and are happy to say it's been a roaring success.

Each Starter Kit contains a guide so that teachers can see where to get started and how to build their programs and grow the level of their participation. Each kit contains numerous lesson plans and hands-

on activities for teachers to conduct with their students.



More than 600 kits were distributed to teachers reaching more than 18,000 students. Starter Kits are available in three grade levels, K-3, 4-8, and high school.

Curriculum Cowabunga Cartons

The California Cattle Council recently awarded us with a grant to produce a teacher resource box focused on cattle—we named it Curriculum Cowabunga. The carton contains

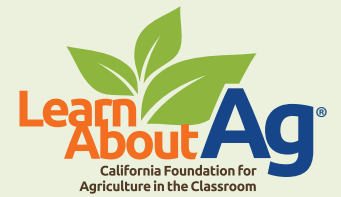


lesson plans and hands-on activities that teach students about the importance of beef and dairy that includes: Farm to You-Beef Cattle;

Dairy Fact and Activity Sheet; Beef up Your Math; and Cheese Ag-Bite. Our first distribution of 175 cartons was delivered in March to California Cattlewomen at their annual "Material Madness" resource distribution event. California CattleWomen do a wonderful job teaching students about the cattle industry.

In 2018, the CattleWomen reached more than 55,000 students through their educational outreach program. The CattleWomen are thrilled to have this new resource added to their repertoire.

If you would like to sponsor a teacher with a Starter Kit or Curriculum Cowabunga Carton, send a \$100 donation to the Foundation and we'll send a kit to a teacher of your choosing, or select a teacher from our waiting list. What a great way to show your support to a friend or family member!



We are California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC). Our mission is to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. Our vision is an appreciation of agriculture by all.

We are a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Tax ID: 68-0100601

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jamie Johansson,
President
Butte County
Correen Davis
Butte County
Mark Dawson
Sacramento County
Martha Deichler
San Diego County
Shannon Douglass
Glenn County
Bobbin Mulvaney
Sacramento County
Rick Phillips
Idaho

STAFF

Judy Culbertson
Executive Director
Michael Ackley-Grady
Outreach Coordinator
Mindy DeRohan
Program Manager
Lyn Hyatt
Administrative Coordinator
Hayley Lawson
Curriculum Coordinator
Terri Salmond
Administrative Assistant

Jane Roberti
Sierra County
Craig Thomson
Placer County
Kenny Watkins
San Joaquin County
Becca Whitman
Sacramento County

Shopping at Amazon? There are two ways to support Ag in the Classroom! The Amazon Smile program donates a percentage of your purchase to our organization when you shop at smile.amazon.com. You can support Ag in the Classroom with selected book purchases from our website at <https://learnaboutag.org/resources/great.cfm>.

donor highlight Stater Bros. Charities

We thank Stater Bros. Charities for their exclusive sponsorship of our Taste and Teach program in Southern California. Through the Taste and Teach program, teachers lead a monthly taste test in their classrooms to educate students about the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables. Included with Stater Bros. sponsorship is a \$100 gift card for each participating teacher to purchase fruits and vegetables at Stater Bros. markets.

On March 8, Stater Bros. honored California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom with their Hero of the Heartland education award which recognizes organizations for their great work, positive impact, and dedication to the communities served by Stater Bros.