

CELEBRATE NATIONAL AG WEEK

Our events will be held virtually, but your support is real for students and teachers throughout California! From celebrating the achievements of students to bringing agriculture straight to their classrooms, the goal of our events is to truly celebrate the industry that provides the food and fiber we depend on daily. We can't wait to "see" you there!

California Farm Day - March 19

- Thousands of students will learn about California's Top 10 commodities.
- The first 1,000 students to register will receive a tote bag filled with nutritious snacks and their teachers will receive a box full of lessons and resources.
- All students will receive a California Farm Day Workbook and a copy of *What's Growin' On?* Student Newspaper.
- Complimentary registration for all!

National Ag Week Gala at Silt Wine Company - March 26

- Food and wine pairing with David Ogilvie, winemaker for Silt Wine Company and Patrick Mulvaney, award winning chef of Mulvaney's B&L.
- Board member Martha Deichler speaks with Feeding San Diego about their challenges.
- Silent auction filled with special delights!
- Silt Wine Company will donate 20% of wine purchases made in March and April to Ag in the Classroom. Request a coupon code for your purchase to benefit Ag in the Classroom!
- Complimentary registration for all!

Imagine this... Ceremonies

Each day during the week of March 29, state-winning student authors and illustrators will be recognized for their achievements!

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Valuable Lessons for students

2020 was a year that made me appreciate the #LearnAboutAg@Home efforts. For so many busy working moms like myself, we were hungry to supplement our children's education. Taking Ag in the Classroom's resources and demonstrating them at home reached a whole new audience in 2020.



SHANNON DOUGLASS,
BOARD MEMBER

There is tremendous value to the kind of lessons we produce—those that let kids touch, experience, and taste during this challenging time.

My sister is an elementary school teacher and has used Ag in the Classroom resources since she started. In one of her first years of teaching, with Ag in the Classroom's Taste and Teach program, she was shocked to learn how few fruits and vegetables her 4th graders had tasted before learning about them in her class.

I thank our supporters for their generosity that enables us to provide valuable lessons and resources about agriculture to California students. As a farmer I want kids to have a better understanding of agriculture and I see value in the work we do to expose kids to the diversity of the healthy foods we grow.



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Christine Klistoff Awarded

Christine Klistoff has been named California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's 2020-21 Outstanding Educator of the Year. Christine is an elementary school teacher at Fairmont Elementary School in Fresno County. Her project, Garden Bed Lab, is an outstanding example of how students can learn about the role of agriculture in our economy and society.



CHRISTINE KLISTOFF

"We have just entered into a partnership with Fresno State University," said Christine. We are collaborating through a program called Smartfarm University where Fresno State University has purchased a Farmbot for the school; a robotic farming machine that sits on a raised bed and through software created by the students, it will seed, weed, and irrigate crops.

"I was very excited to receive a FarmBot for my school, but, I also needed planter boxes to complete the project," said Christine. So, she applied for a Literacy for Life grant from the California Foundation for Agriculture

in the Classroom to purchase the boxes. As a result of Christine's outstanding project and her dedication to incorporating agriculture into her classroom, she was selected for the Outstanding Educator of the Year award. "Students will be able to use their coding skills, CAD software, and the Open Farm database to design their garden bed from home through a 10-week curriculum. These lessons will be shared with other schools who may be getting a FarmBot in the future," says Christine.



2021 VIRTUAL EVENTS

CALIFORNIA FARM DAY
MARCH 19

SILT WINE COMPANY
MARCH 26

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CEREMONIES
WEEK OF MARCH 29

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Orange You Glad We Have Farmland?



Learning where our food and fiber comes from is an important lesson in life.

To that end, California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom,

in collaboration with California Farmland Trust, and sponsored by Raley's, released this new resource in 2020.

Orange You Glad We Have Farmland? consists of a classroom poster with accompanying lesson plan that teaches students about the importance of protecting and keeping land healthy to produce our food and fiber for current and future generations.

While dissecting an orange that represents land, students will learn how little land is available to grow our food. Through this lesson we can all learn about the importance of keeping farmland healthy.

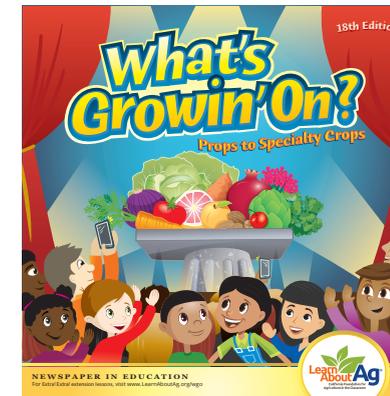
Props to Specialty Crops

California is called the Golden State for many reasons, one being the bountiful amount of specialty crops produced right here in California.

Props to Specialty Crops is our 18th edition of *What's Growin' On?* and teaches students about specialty crops such as fruit and tree nuts, vegetables, herbs and spices, floriculture, and horticulture crops.

In this edition students discover the many ways we use specialty crops, the nutrition of specialty crops, and how agriculture benefits their daily lives.

Students will learn about specialty crops by reading: *Proteins Through the Seasons, Leaf it to Herbs, Edible Flowers, the Cruciferous Crew, Turning Heads with Leafy Greens, Citrus-Squeeze the Day*, and more.



We are California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. 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.

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