Bon à la Beef - Cooking With Kids

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom has partnered with the California Beef Council on a new project, Bon à la Beef. This project educates students, teachers, and consumers about beef nutrition and the proper handling and preparation of beef through four professionally-filmed videos of elementary through high school students cooking beef recipes.

Each cooking video is paired with an educational lesson plan that is aligned to Content Standards for California Public Schools for students in grades 3-5, 6-8, or 9-12. The lessons will help students learn the history of beef cattle, nutrition, and how to plan a meal on a budget.

The chefs are 10-year-old Nicolas Come, a student at Sacramento Waldorf School; 12-year-old Elisabeth Watkins, a 7th grade student at Excel Academy; and Nichelle Crawford, a senior at Leo A. Palmiter High School.

In July, CFAITC worked with Access Sacramento and California Bountiful’s TV host, Tracy Sellers, to film the videos at the Art Institute of California-Sacramento. Access Sacramento filmed the students and created individual video clips and a 30-minute video segment that includes an interview from Jim Vietheer, a Sacramento County cattle rancher; James Winestead, Director of Food and Nutrition Outreach at the California Beef Council; and Kathie Griley, Culinary Academic Director at the Art Institute of California-Sacramento.

My favorite CFAITC project is the Imagine This… Story Writing Contest. This contest is magical—it is surprising to see the student imagination at work as it applies to California agriculture. The diversity of the stories written by student in each year illustrates the importance of agriculture.

CFAITC works everyday to ensure teachers receive trusted, credible information of agriculture. Please join me in supporting our mission to provide teachers with solid resources that connect students to agriculture.

Message from Rick Phillips

I grew up with roots in agriculture and worked on my family’s farm. But today’s students are generations away from their source of food—they have little idea where their food and fiber come from. When I was driving through Idaho with my son who was nine, we saw a corral on the side of the road with pigs in it. He asked what kind of animals were inside the corral—I thought everyone knew what a pig was and right then witnessed firsthand the importance of agricultural education. Since then I have helped to organize and develop Agriculture in the Classroom programs throughout the country.

In July, CFAITC worked with Access Sacramento and California Bountiful’s TV host, Tracy Sellers, to film the videos at the Art Institute of California-Sacramento. Access Sacramento filmed the students and created individual video clips and a 30-minute video segment that includes an interview from Jim Vietheer, a Sacramento County cattle rancher; James Winestead, Director of Food and Nutrition Outreach at the California Beef Council; and Kathie Griley, Culinary Academic Director at the Art Institute of California-Sacramento.

My favorite CFAITC project is the Imagine This… Story Writing Contest. This contest is magical—it is surprising to see the student imagination at work as it applies to California agriculture. The diversity of the stories written by student in each year illustrates the importance of agriculture.

CFAITC works everyday to ensure teachers receive trusted, credible information of agriculture. Please join me in supporting our mission to provide teachers with solid resources that connect students to agriculture.

Supporters

Agrium
AMVAC
Bank of the West
Bayer CropScience
Blue Diamond Growers
The James G. Boswell Foundation
The Albert & Rina Brocchini Family Foundation
BoLAMCO
California Beef Council
California Cotton Alliance
California Department of Food and Agriculture
California Farm Bureau Federation
California Teachers Association
California Walnut Board
CDFA - Fertilizer Research and Education Program
CHS Foundation
Crop Production Services
Farm Credit: American AgCredit,
CoBank, Farm Credit West, Fresno
Madera Farm Credit, Golden State Farm Credit
Fresh Produce and Floral Council
Fujisashie Farms, Inc.
R. Gorrill Ranch Enterprises
Kenneth Groesema Ranch
Jim Hicks and Company
Jim Hicks Family Trust
J.R. Simplot Company Foundation
Bob Johnson
The Lyman/Tremont Groups, Inc.
C.B. Nichols Egg Ranch
Olive Hill Greenhouses
Orange County Farm Bureau
Orange Family Foundation
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Pauli Ranch
Rensnick Family Foundation
Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.
USDA - National Institute for Food and Agriculture
Vino Farms
Wells Fargo Foundation
Western Growers
Zenith Agribusiness Solutions

Supporters of Agriculture in the Classroom

I grew up with roots in agriculture and worked on my family’s farm. But today’s students are generations away from their source of food—they have little idea where their food and fiber come from. When I was driving through Idaho with my son who was nine, we saw a corral on the side of the road with pigs in it. He asked what kind of animals were inside the corral—I thought everyone knew what a pig was and right then witnessed firsthand the importance of agricultural education. Since then I have helped to organize and develop Agriculture in the Classroom programs throughout the country.

In July, CFAITC worked with Access Sacramento and California Bountiful’s TV host, Tracy Sellers, to film the videos at the Art Institute of California-Sacramento. Access Sacramento filmed the students and created individual video clips and a 30-minute video segment that includes an interview from Jim Vietheer, a Sacramento County cattle rancher; James Winestead, Director of Food and Nutrition Outreach at the California Beef Council; and Kathie Griley, Culinary Academic Director at the Art Institute of California-Sacramento.

My favorite CFAITC project is the Imagine This… Story Writing Contest. This contest is magical—it is surprising to see the student imagination at work as it applies to California agriculture. The diversity of the stories written by student in each year illustrates the importance of agriculture.

CFAITC works everyday to ensure teachers receive trusted, credible information of agriculture. Please join me in supporting our mission to provide teachers with solid resources that connect students to agriculture.
California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC) thanks CW A for its continued support of agricultural literacy.

This year, CFAITC partnered with the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) to provide 10 California educators with $1,000 through our Look at Agriculture...Organically! Grant program to creatively enhance organic agriculture education for their students. Projects include growing an organic pizza garden, creating a seed library, and studying soil quality.

During the 2013-2014 school year, CFAITC awarded $95,850 in grant funding to teachers and 13,650 students benefited from projects funded by these grants. These grant programs provide teachers with tools that make learning about agriculture fun, engaging, and memorable for students.

Ag in the Classroom...

Providing Educator Grants

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to provide educators with grants to encourage agricultural education and help students learn how their food is grown and how their fiber is produced through creative and unique projects. Currently, three grant programs are available to California educators.

Literacy for Life Grants, sponsored by the Ortega Family Foundation, are designed to initiate new projects or expand existing projects that promote agricultural literacy. Grants of up to $500 are provided to 25 California educators each year to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction. These grants have helped teachers purchase classroom sets of agriculturally themed books, incubate and hatch chicks to study life cycles, tour farms and ranches, and learn about agriculture in many creative ways.

California Specialty Crop Taste Test Grants, established in 2013, provide 250 third through eighth grade teachers with grants of $200 each to purchase California specialty crop fruits and vegetables for monthly taste tests. Along with the grant funding, educators receive a Specialty Crop Resource Packet that includes lessons, activities, and recipes that assist with their teaching about California’s specialty crops. This is a two-year grant program sponsored by the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. During the first year, more than 13,500 students were introduced to new fruits and vegetables.

This year, CFAITC partnered with the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) to provide 10 California educators with $1,000 through our Look at Agriculture...Organically! Grant program to creatively enhance organic agriculture education for their students. Projects include growing an organic pizza garden, creating a seed library, and studying soil quality.

During the 2013-2014 school year, CFAITC awarded $95,850 in grant funding to teachers and 13,650 students benefited from projects funded by these grants. These grant programs provide teachers with tools that make learning about agriculture fun, engaging, and memorable for students.

Throughout the years, CWA has supported CFAITC at county events and teacher conferences. Many members helped celebrate CFAITC’s 25th anniversary at San Francisco Farm Day. CWA chapters throughout the state have used funding to provide scholarships for California educators to attend the California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference. “This is important because we are able to help educate students and their teachers about agriculture at the same time,” Figone said.

CWA doesn’t stop at helping educate students. Another part of their mission is legislative advocacy on behalf of agriculture. One way that the organization accomplishes this goal is by partnering with CFAITC and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to host California Agriculture Day at the State Capitol each year. California Agriculture Day unites all industries within the agricultural community to show legislative members why it is important to keep agriculture viable. “It is critical that we help consumers understand that if they eat food, or wear clothes, they are involved in agriculture,” Figone said.

CFAITC thanks CWA for its continued support of agricultural literacy.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Kenny Watkins, Chairman
- San Joaquin County
- Mark Dawson
- Sacramento County
- Martha Diechler
- San Diego County
- Jim Hicks
- Orange County
- Debbie Jacobson
- Fresno County
- Jamie Johansson
- Butte County
- Rick Phillips
- Idaho
- Jane Roberti
- Sierra County
- Craig Thomson
- Sacramento County

### STAFF

- Judy Colbertson, Executive Director
- Mindy DeRohan, Communications Coordinator
- Shany Emerson, Curriculum Coordinator
- Stephanie Etcheverry, Program Coordinator
- Lyn Hyatt, Administrative Coordinator
- Terri Salmord, Administrative Assistant

CFAITC is a 501 (c)(3) organization.

Tax ID: 68-0100601

(800) 700-AITC (2482)

[LearnAboutAg.org](http://www.LearnAboutAg.org)