

PROGRAM UPDATES

Educator Grants

By the end of 2016, Ag in the Classroom will have awarded nearly \$70,000 to California teachers. Through educator grants, students experience agriculture first-hand. Projects include taste-tests, school gardens, field trips and more. In the past five years, Ag in the Classroom has supported teachers by providing more than \$300,000 in educator grants.



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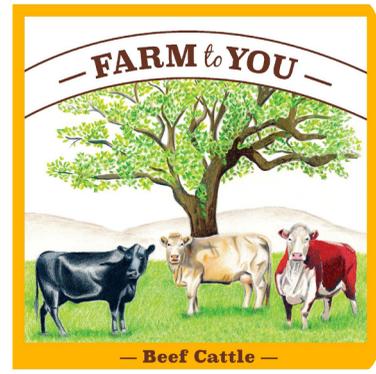
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hands on agriculture

GROWING... WITH YOUR SUPPORT.

LearnAboutAg® with New Teaching Resources!

Teaching is hard work. That's why the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom makes it a priority to provide educators with quality teaching resources to incorporate into their classrooms or programs. Several new resources have recently been created.



FOLLOW THE JOURNEY BEEF CATTLE TAKE FROM THE FARM TO YOUR TABLE.

Farm to You: Beef Cattle is the first in a new series of resources, which includes a colorful illustration, photos, and hands-on lessons. *Farm to You* helps students understand the people and processes involved in agriculture. The first edition was sponsored by the California Beef Council and focuses on beef cattle, from the cow-calf operation to the consumer.

New Agricultural Fact and Activity Sheets have joined the collection: Lettuce,

Pickling Cucumbers, Pork, and Poultry. Each sheet in the set of 37 provides facts and ideas for using the information in a K-12 lesson. The latest fact sheets were funded by McDonald's, the California Pork Producers Association, and the California Poultry Federation. A fact sheet about bees, funded by Monsanto, is currently being piloted and will join the collection in 2017.

Resources can be downloaded or requested as print copies at LearnAboutAg.org. The Foundation fills an average of 30-40 requests for printed materials each week, mailing resources to teachers across the state. 🐾

Literacy for Life

Sponsored by the Oreggia Family Foundation, grants initiate new projects or expand existing ones that promote agricultural literacy in K-12 classrooms.

Look at Agriculture... Organically!

Through collaboration with the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) Foundation, grants to K-8 educators support learning about organic agriculture.

Taste and Teach

Through this new partnership, 100 California teachers received \$100 Raley's gift cards, so they can *Taste and Teach* throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

DIG-IT School Garden Grant

Teachers receive \$500 gift cards to Tractor Supply Company, along with curriculum to help grow their school garden programs.

Message from Judy Culbertson

Thank you for being a part of our 30-year anniversary! We are very grateful for your support of California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Let me share with you the good news about the work we have accomplished together.

In the past 30 years, we have touched the lives of more than 15 million students by...

- Providing free, high-quality, teacher-tested resources,
- Supporting hands-on learning through educator grants,
- Actively working with more than 100 partnering organizations,
- Communicating with a network of more than 15,000 educators, volunteers and industry members,
- Encouraging thousands of students to explore agriculture through the *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest,
- Distributing *What's Growin' On?* student newspapers to more than 1 million readers annually.

By helping students and teachers learn about the food and fiber industry, we are working toward an understanding and appreciation of agriculture by all. Thank you for sharing this vision with us and taking that extra bit of time, effort and expense to support Agriculture in the Classroom. We look forward to the next 30 years, as we continue to turn our goals into reality. Thank you for your support. 🐾



JUDY CULBERTSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



upcoming events:

- California Ag Day and Imagine this... Story Writing Contest Awards Ceremony State Capitol • March 22
- National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference Kansas City, MO • June 20-23

The James G. Boswell Foundation

The Boswell family has been involved with California agriculture for more than 90 years. J. G. Boswell Company is currently bringing up its fourth generation of Boswells. The James G. Boswell Foundation has been generously giving back to agricultural communities, healthcare organizations, and education for almost 70 years. Its support for Agriculture in the Classroom dates back to 1988.

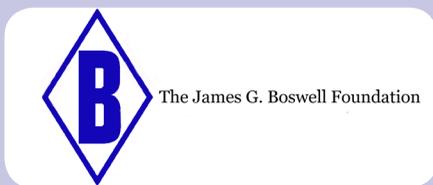
"We believe understanding agriculture is important, especially from a young age," says Dan Boswell. "We are motivated to support Ag in the Classroom because of its successful mission and history with agricultural education in California."

"Children are the future. Investing in them from day one can deliver positive impacts down the road. California's agricultural outlook is strong with the help of groups like Ag in the Classroom. Agriculture is fun and challenging. Technology, robotics, water management, autonomous equipment, health and safety, soil management, government, and weather are all part of this constantly changing environment."

Ag in the Classroom strives to bring this vision to life. Recently, the organization executed its 29th annual teacher conference, gathering educators from across the state to equip and inspire them to make agriculture a part of their classroom. The Foundation aims to further address the goals of supporters like the Boswell family with the next edition of the *What's Growin' On?* student newspaper, which will teach students about technologies and techniques farmers and ranchers are using to preserve the environment.



185 EDUCATORS THANK SPONSORS AT THE CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2016, IN SACRAMENTO.



2016 Legacy Awards

In celebration of the Foundation's 30th anniversary, four long-time supporters were recognized at special events throughout the year. The 2016 Legacy Awards were presented to individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond in their support, demonstrating a true passion for agricultural education.



BARBARA JOHNSON
PLACER COUNTY

"When Ag in the Classroom first started, we thought this was so important to support. Thirty years later, I still feel the same. We cannot leave this important topic to be learned casually and only if you grow up on a family farm. Ag in the Classroom does a wonderful job helping young people LearnAboutAg®."

 **Barbara Johnson**



BOB TAYLOR
MONTEREY COUNTY

"The Oreggia Family Foundation supports Ag in the Classroom because it reaches the education system in a meaningful way. We hope to continue to support the teacher grant program."

 **Bob Taylor, Oreggia Family Foundation**



BOB JOHNSON
MONTEREY COUNTY

"I like all the Ag in the Classroom programs, and I am very supportive of the teachers. Without the teachers, we have nothing. They are the faucet through which all ag knowledge flows."

 **Bob Johnson**



JIM AND NETA HICKS
ORANGE COUNTY

"This program is the gift that keeps on giving. Many of the students will go on to become community leaders. Teachers and students become enthusiastic supporters of the benefits of agriculture for the rest of their lives."

 **Jim and Neta Hicks**



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