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

How You Can Help

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Orange You Glad We Have Farmland?

Pros 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.

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 Riley’s, released this new resource in 2020.