NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK EVENTS!

Did you know, last year we reached more than 900,000 students with information about agriculture?

You can help us reach even more students and teachers this year by supporting our upcoming events celebrating National Ag Week.

The demand for resources continues to grow — thank you for making a difference!

Sip and see how amazing it is to support bringing agriculture into the classroom. Join us in person (the first time in 4 years!)

Friday, March 24, 2023
Evening Reception
Silt Wine Company, Clarksburg, CA

Thursday, April 13, 2023
Luncheon
Wilson Creek Winery, Temecula, CA

Teacher Feature
Why I Teach About Ag...
Ten different apple tree varieties grace the garden at East Palo Alto Charter School in San Mateo County. Teacher Eron Truran, who has been bringing agriculture into the K-5 classroom for 13 years, has effectively used apple trees to promote a greater appreciation and understanding of agriculture.

"Students learn about how apples form, the parts of an apple, taste test varieties of apples, and make apple products, explained Truran. This year we made apple sauce, pressed apple cider, dehydrated apple chips, and grated apples into pancakes!"

Truran leans heavily on a specific Ag in the Classroom resource.

"I especially like the Ag-Bites activities. I teach a variety of grades and really appreciate that these activities have evergreen Ag-Bites that can be sized up or down, depending on the teaching time available."

"I love when I can get families involved, shared Truran. "Asking students to interview a family member about their favorite fruits and vegetables helps start new conversations." Truran also encourages her students to ask questions.

Getting Weather Wise
Talk about timing!


In this 21st edition, students explore how weather events and related systems impact all our lives but especially how weather impacts agriculture in the Golden State. California grows more than 400 different commodities, and while agriculture is at the mercy of the atmosphere, we have become increasingly better at predicting weather events. Accurate forecasting—using science to predict or estimate a future weather event—positively impacts farmers and ranchers, making them more weather-wise than ever.

In this latest edition, students also get to hear directly from farmers and ranchers. A scan of a QR code takes you straight to interviews with farmers, where students will learn from farmers about California’s historical weather events, technology that provides better forecasting, and how unexpected challenges are met with resilience.

Talk about making agriculture come alive in the classroom!

Help us get this timely resource into the hands of even more students by sharing with a classroom teacher or by sponsoring a school-wide distribution. We provide free classroom sets to all California educators. Contact us at 916-561-5625.

Visit us online at www.learnaboutag.org!
Imagine this... Story Writing Contest

What do a talking earthworm, a trip to the peach cannery, and the song, "I Heard It Through The Grapevine," have in common? These topics are part of winning stories included in our Imagine this... Stories Inspired by Agriculture book this year. Additional story topics include dairy farming, invasive species, bees, and generational farming.

Going on its twenty-fourth year, the Imagine this... Story Writing Contest gives students in grades 3-8 the opportunity to write agricultural narratives about real or imagined experiences or events based on California agriculture.

We are thrilled to welcome seven students, on March 21, to the California Capitol to publicly celebrate this outstanding achievement as part of the Capitol Ag Day festivities on the Capitol steps.

New Ag-Bite

Our newest Ag-Bite takes apples to a whole new level. Part science lesson, with a dash of nutrition and history thrown in, Modern-Day Applesauce Making is a hands-on, bite-sized activity that brings agriculture into the classroom.

Students learn how to make a simple microwave applesauce while comparing how American traditions have changed from the past to the present. Other activities - such as taste testing different applecues, and researching, and creating a poster on why "an apple a day" is good advice - round out this Ag-Bite.

Interested in sponsoring an Ag-Bite yourself about a specific commodity? Contact us at 916-561-5625.