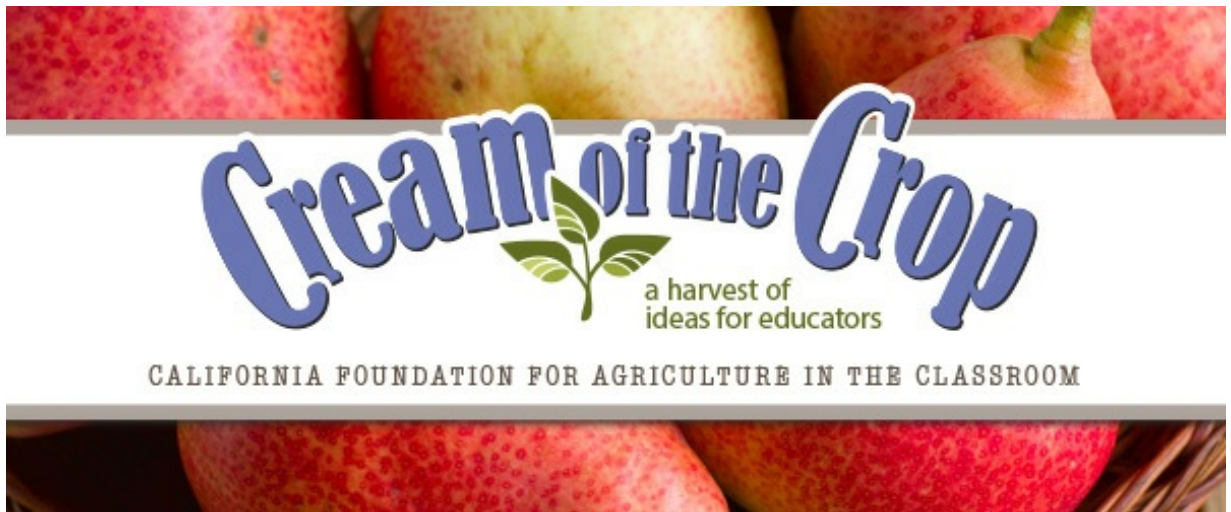




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1. Teacher Feature - Dionne Lambert

Teaches: First Grade

School: YES Academy in Los Angeles, California

Dionne Lambert has attended the California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference for the past 8 years, only missing once when her granddaughter was born. She usually attends alongside



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DID YOU KNOW?!

Red Bartlett pears ripen from a dark red to a brilliant red as they become sweeter and juicier. All pears ripen at room temperature!

[Source: USA Pears](#)

her mom, Joyce. This September, Dionne and Joyce will join us again, this time at America's Farm-to-Fork Capitol, Sacramento!

What is your favorite part of the California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference?

I especially love the field trips to farms and dairies. I'm not a person who likes to hike, but I love to see animals, flowers and nature. I have had many great experiences seeing how our food gets from the fields to the stores. One year, I was able to see a calf being born. I'm a city girl, and this was something I had only read about before. My experience has encouraged me to seek funding for a class field trip. I know my students would have at least as much fun as I did.

How does the conference inspire your teaching?

I share my love of photography and my exploration through pictures with my students. I use food tasting to expose my students to new healthy choices. I help the children understand how carrots grow from the ground and how they arrive at their local stores. Thank you so much allowing me to continue to grow as an educator. Thank you for giving me the tools to motivate my students.

2. Register Now! California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference - Sacramento, September 22-24, 2016

Registration is now open for the 2016 Agriculture in the Classroom Conference! [Explore the list of tours and workshops, and register today.](#) We are currently accepting applications to present. Make 'n' Take sessions, exhibit at the conference, or host a *Taste of California* dinner table!



3. Conference Scholarships

We are pleased to offer a limited number of scholarships for California teachers to attend the 2016 California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, September 22-24. The scholarships will cover the full conference registration fee of \$280. To apply for a scholarship, please [complete the application form](#) by July 29, 2016. All applicants will be notified the week of August 15, 2016.



4. Visit the California State Fair

Meet the Authors

Our 2016 *Imagine this...* state winners will participate in the

California Authors exhibit at the California State Fair on Saturday, July 23. Stop by Building A from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to meet the authors and visit with them about their stories.

Children's Floral Design Showcase

The Children's Floral Design Showcase takes place from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in County Building B.

Children ages 6-10 can design and create their own CA GROWN floral bouquets. If your child is interested in participating, please email Ann@agamsi.com with your child's name and age, along with your cell phone number. The first 20 children to sign up will get to make a floral arrangement and receive a prize.



5. Learn About Ag - this summer!



Stay connected with us this summer as we share ideas and activities through [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Pinterest](#). Follow along with our friend, Michelle Stern of [What's Cooking With Kids](#). She will be presenting a workshop called *Cooking Up the Common Core* at our conference this September. She also hosts a [virtual reading and cooking club for kids \(ages 2-8\)](#) featuring a new book and recipe each month!

6. Grant Feature: Project Learning Tree



Project Learning Tree (PLT) provides grants of up to \$1,000 to PLT-trained educators to use in helping students implement environmental improvement projects. The application deadline is September 30, 2016. [Apply online.](#)

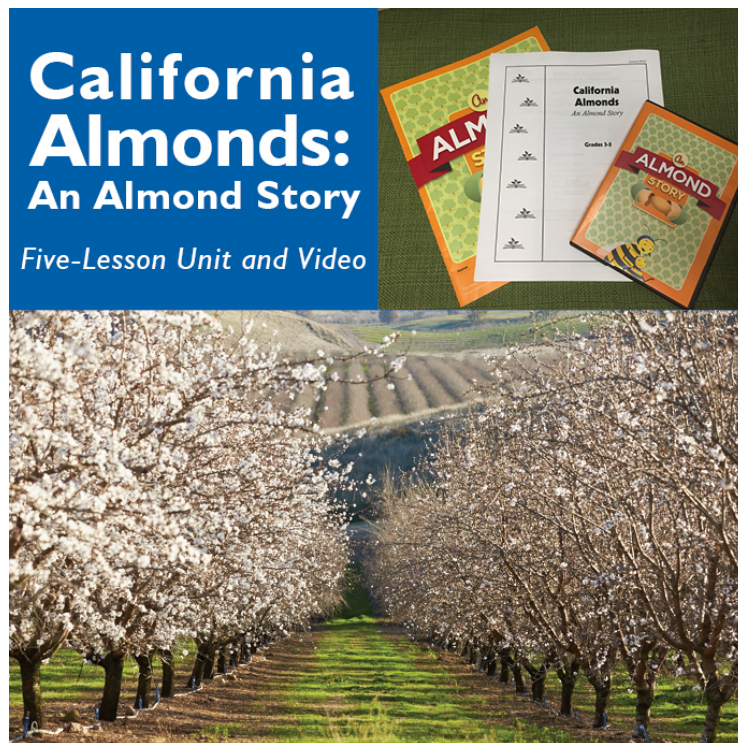
See our [Literacy for Life](#) grant and [full listing of other grants](#) and deadlines. Keep your program growing through these great opportunities.



7. Featured Resource -

California Almonds: An Almond Story

This five-lesson unit for grades 3-5 teaches students all about almonds! [Request copies of the activity book, watch the video and download the lesson plans.](#)



8. Statewide/Nationwide Events, Competitions, & More!

Tuolumne River Institute (educators of grades 9-12)

- **July 12-14, 2016**
- 3-day educator workshop, \$50 cost
- Explore the river and associated habitats and rock formations with UC Davis scientists
- [See event details](#) and apply

Diggin' In Teacher Garden Training (educators of K-12)

- **July 11-15, 2016**
- Week-long, hands-on training, \$200 cost
- Learn the basics of gardening with children at Soil Born Farms in Rancho Cordova
- Sign up as a 3-person team for reduced fee
- [See event details](#) and register

LifeLab - Summer Youth Camps (ages 4-18)

- **July and August, 2016**
- [Register for camps](#) at UC Santa Cruz, camp prices vary

**Farm-to-Fork Academy (students in grades 9-12),
Sacramento State**

- **July 11-15, 2016**
- **July 18-22, 2016**
- [Register for the camp](#) at Sacramento State, \$255 cost

**LifeLab - The Growing Classroom Workshop (educators of
grades 2-6)**

- **August 2-3, 2016**
- Learn to use the garden to breathe life into standards-based lessons, promote ecological literacy and more.
- 2-day intensive workshop at UC Santa Cruz site
- [Register](#) by July 20, 2016 for \$300 rate

Photo Contest: Green Education Foundation

- Enter your best photo of students learning about sustainability, whether it is in a garden, classroom, or wherever learning moments occur.
- Ten winners will be selected to receive a \$25 gift card to Gardener's Supply Company. The grand prize winner will win \$250 cash and a \$1,000 gift card. Two runners-up will receive \$100 gift cards.
- The deadline is September 30, 2016.
- Submit via email: service@greeneducationfoundation.org

Photo Contest: California Farm Bureau Federation

- California Farm Bureau Federation members can submit up to five photos that celebrate California agriculture.
- 10 winners will be awarded cash prizes, ranging from \$50 for honorable mention to the \$1,000 grand prize.
- Photographers 13 years old and younger can enter in the Budding Artist category.
- The deadline is September 30, 2016.
- [See rules and entry forms.](#)



9. County Ag Activities

July 8, 2016 - **Sacramento County's** Farm Bureau [Golf Classic](#)

July 11-14, 2016 - **Kern County's** E.A.T. Foundation [Summer Educator Workshop](#) (session 2)

July 18-20, 2016 - **Kern County's** [Teachers' Ag Seminar](#)

July 21-22, 2016 - **Kern County's** E.A.T. Foundation Summer [Harvest Educator Workshop](#)

July 27-28, 2016 - **Colusa County's** [DIRT DAYS seminar for K-12 teachers](#)

10. More Ways to Learn About Ag

Plumas, Tuolumne, Shasta and Humboldt County

- The Forestry Institute for K-12 teachers will be held in four counties throughout **July**. [See event details](#).

Merced County - Hilmar Cheese Company offers free [educational tours](#) throughout the year.

Virtual Field Trips - Explore this collection of [virtual field trips from Discovery Education](#).

How Does it Grow? - Check out the most-watched [web series](#) dedicated to food and agriculture.



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