



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Fantastic Ag Fact:

Although most people consider cucumbers a vegetable, it is a fruit!



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Not all superheroes wear capes... some have wings to pollinate crops and others protect plants by eating pests!



Teacher Feature

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Kindergarten - 8th Grade
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FairmontElementaryFarm.com

Check Out The Video Online

This month we are doing something different! Check out our interview by clicking on the video or going to our YouTube Channel! You can find more videos about our program at YouTube.com/LearnAboutAg!



Featured Resource

LearnAboutAg... STEM Careers



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics are essential educational disciplines in the field of agriculture. There are inquiry-based labs and real life challenges for students to better understand animal agriculture (grades 3-5), food science (grades 6-8), and sustainable energy (grades 9-12).

These units feature lessons that promote the development of STEM abilities and critical thinking skills.

[Order them here!](#)



Grant Feature

Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grants



Created in partnership with FoodCorps, the Garden Grant program provides a \$2,000 monetary grant to support a new or existing edible garden at either a:

- K-12 school
- 501(c)(3) non-profit working in partnership with a K-12 school
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Deadline: November 15, 2017

[Apply Online!](#)



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Congratulations to the Literacy for Life Grant Recipients!

The Literacy for Life grants, sponsored by the Oreggia Family Foundation, are designed to help initiate new projects or expand existing ones that promote

agricultural literacy. Grants of up to \$500 are provided to California K-12 educators to support the integration of agriculture into regular instruction.

With more than 150 applications, the competition was steep! View the list of recipients and their projects, which will promote hands-on learning across California during the 2017-2018 school year!

[Find them here!](#)

More Ways to LearnAboutAg®

First the Seed Foundation

First the Seed Foundation works with educators, guidance counselors, and parents across the country to assist students in learning about the seed industry, its importance to our daily lives, and the many future opportunities available to them within the industry. Their programs include "Planting the Seed", "Grow a Seed Career", "Seed Ambassadors", and "Tomatosphere." Find out more [here!](#)

Want to go to Maine next summer?

Mark your calendars for June 26-29, 2018. Attend the 2018 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Portland, Maine. Surround yourself with educators passionate about agriculture. Find out more [here!](#)

Free Invasive Plants Tool Kit

Check out this 16- minute video presentation, "Silent Invaders." Designed for teachers to introduce students to the concepts of invasive aquatic plants and their management with examples from across the United States. "Silent Invaders" provides a basic introduction to invasive plants, along with the key concepts of aquatic versus terrestrial and also native, non-native and invasive plant species. In addition, there is a Teacher's Guide, Teaching Points, Keyword Chart and Definitions, and Guiding Questions (along with an answer key) suitable for upper elementary, middle school and high school students Find out more [here!](#)

Community Events

For Educators

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
Sacramento Water Festival Live performances by different cultural groups, raffle, food, water related activities for children and adults, artisan market, and more!	Sacramento, CA	November 4, 2017
Life Lab Workshops Life Lab has trained tens of thousands of educators across the nation! Sign up today for one of their many workshops this summer and fall!	Santa Cruz, CA	Fall 2017

For Youth

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
Sacramento Water Festival	Sacramento, CA	November 4, 2017


Live performances by different cultural groups, raffle, food, water related activities for children and adults, artisan market, and more!		
AgVentures! Learning Center Tours of the Learning Center are available year-round for elementary school students. Cost is \$3 per student.	Tulare, CA	(Year-Round)



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