

Fantastic Ag Fact:



Cling peaches are grown in 41 states but California accounts for nearly 100% of the commercial production.

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Free books! Apply for a chance to receive a copy of the book "Full of Beans" by Peggy Thomas, a copy of the educator guide, and one set of 30 Soybean Ag Mags. Grants are provided by the Ford Motor Company and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture. The deadline to apply is August 24, 2020.

285 educators will be randomly selected. [Apply Today!](#)

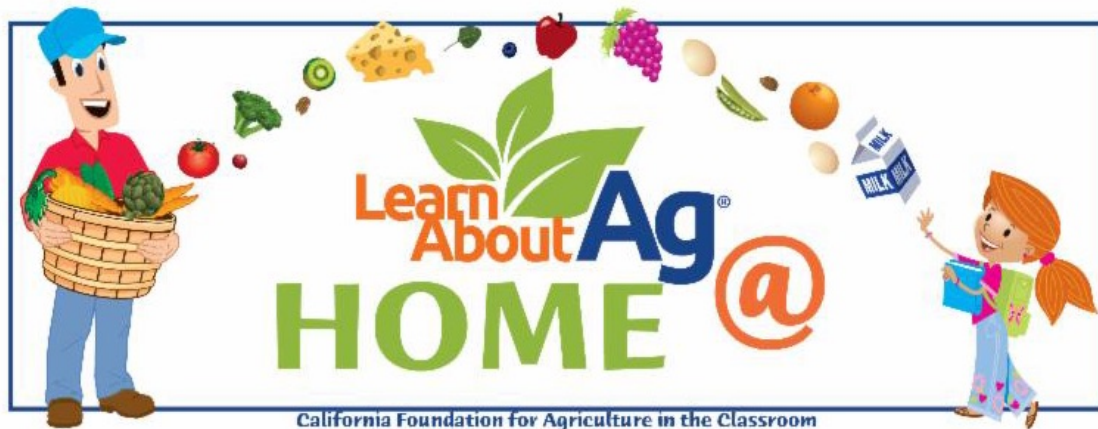


#LearnAboutAg@Home Blog

This month, California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom posted its 100th post on our #LearnAboutAg@Home Blog! That is 100 activities, lessons, books, and more that can help students learn where their food and fiber comes from whether they are in the classroom physically or at home!

Our goal is to help connect your classroom to agriculture. A new activity is posted each day that helps students #LearnAboutAg@Home while meeting California Education Standards.

Visit [#LearnAboutAg@Home](#) for ag-tivities and inspiration to use in your classroom this year!



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Join us for a Virtual AgVentura!

September 25-26, 2020

Registration: FREE!

Classroom teachers, agriculture educators, professionals, volunteers, and supporters will come together **virtually** for two days of dynamic speakers, farm tours, and hands-on workshops.

Our free conference program will offer opportunities to LearnAboutAg® utilizing agriculture and technology to enhance the overall educational experience of students.

From strawberries to lemons and avocados, we are excited to explore Ventura County agriculture! Learn about the importance of educating our youth about food and fiber through all subject areas.



[Learn More about the Conference and Register Today!](#)



Teacher Feature

Carrie Johnson

Grades taught:

Kindergarten

School: La Primaria

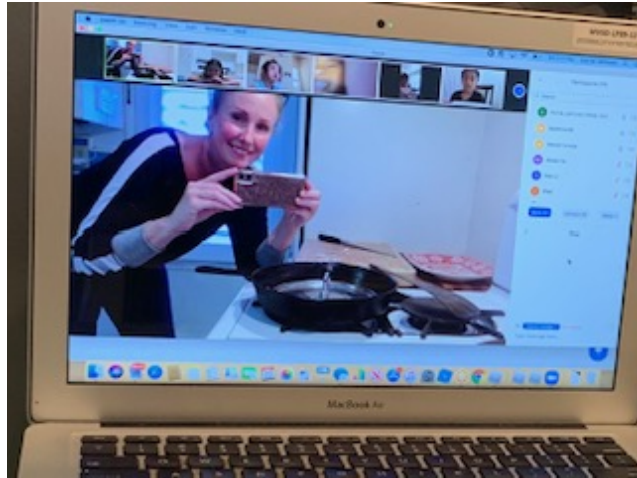
Elementary School

County: Los Angeles

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1. How and when did you first learn of Ag in the Classroom?

I first learned about Ag in the Classroom through my school district, Mountain View School District. Specifically, our Superintendent Lilian Maldonado French and our Director of Food Services Susan Delgado strive to improve student health and nutrition through a myriad of programs.



2. How long have you been teaching students about agriculture?

I have been teaching my students about agriculture for the last two years.

3. What is your favorite AITC program/resource/event and why?

The Taste and Teach Program has been my favorite AITC program. My kindergarten students are so excited to taste and learn about the fresh produce each month. We combine the grant with additional fruits, herbs, and vegetables we grow in our own organic Kinder-Garden. Then, we prepare a simple, healthy, and nutritious recipe. Taste and Teach is a phenomenal program because students are absolutely captivated to learn about the entire farm to table process.

4. Describe an agriculture-based project you have been involved in lately.

When we started distance learning, I just couldn't let our organic Kinder-Garden and Taste and Teach experiences come to an end.

I created mini garden kits with containers, soil, seeds, and activities for the student to do at home. Students planted their seeds and kept on-line garden logs. For many of my students, the

little kits expanded into large scale home gardens brimming with herbs, zucchini, watermelon, and a plethora of other delights. These students took turns hosting virtual garden tours as part of our Zoom science lessons. It was phenomenal seeing these small science kits expand in such a huge way.

For Taste and Teach, I emailed a recipe with easily available ingredients each week. At the end of the week, we prepared the recipes together on Zoom. Students then uploaded photos of their finished dishes with an audio narrative. The students were so excited and it turned into another whole family project.

5. Do you have any advice for other teachers on how to implement agriculture into their classrooms?

My advice for starting an agriculture program is to start small. You can grow herbs to make salsa or even grow mushrooms in coffee grounds using very little space and investment. Also, look at your science standards to see how you can support your students' learning objectives through gardening and cooking.

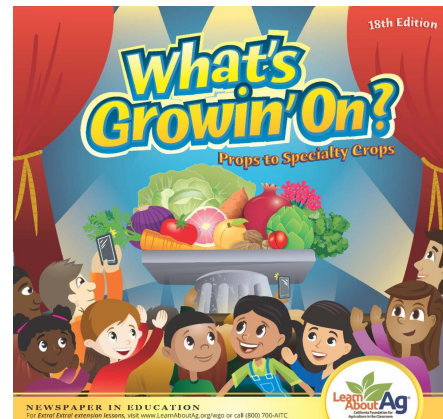
Another tip, always pick your most omnivorous students to try a new taste first! The adventurous eaters will love it and then encourage other students to enjoy it as well!

Featured Resource

What's Growin' On? Props to Specialty Crops Edition - Evaluation Opportunity!

Calling all 3rd-8th grade educators!

Are you interested in earning \$150 by participating in the evaluation of our student newspaper *What's Growin' On?* during the fall semester? If you are interested, please reach out to our [Curriculum Coordinator](#) to participate!



Featured Resource

National Agriculture in the Classroom eLearning Website!

From PreK to 12th-grade resources, National Agriculture in the Classroom's eLearning [website](#) offers pdf and google doc resources that can introduce and broaden agricultural literacy topics within your classroom for students of all grade levels. Don't forget to check out their [blog](#) for additional resources shared.

eLearning



Grant Feature

Grant Opportunities Available from California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom!

Literacy for Life Grants

Sponsored by the Oreggia Family Foundation, Literacy for Life grants 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 classroom instruction.

Applications close October 1, 2020.

[Visit our website for more information and to apply.](#)



Look at Agriculture... Organically!Grants

Provided through a collaborative effort between CFAITC and CCOF, the Look at Agriculture... Organically Grants



are designed to creatively enhance the understanding of organic agriculture for K-8 grade students. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be provided to educators nationwide to support the integration of organic agriculture into regular classroom instruction.

Applications close August 31, 2020.

[Visit our website for more information and to apply.](#)



Taste and Teach

Raley's, Stater Bros. and the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom are offering an opportunity for you to Taste and Teach. 350 Selected teachers will receive a \$100 gift card to Raley's, Bel Air and Nob Hill or Stater Bros. grocery stores to purchase featured California-grown commodities (fruits, vegetables, nuts, and dairy products!) each month beginning in September. Participants will also receive a binder full of helpful resources, including instructions on how to lead students in a taste test while meeting California Education Standards.

During this time of distance learning, helping students learn where their food and fiber comes from is a critical message!

Applications are open until August 23.

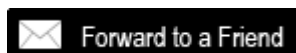
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