



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Fantastic Fact:

California produces nearly 100% of the total cling peach production in the United States.

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Visit our blog
[#LearnAboutAg@Home](#) for daily activities to incorporate agriculture into your classroom, in person or virtually!



Taste and Teach Grant

Students from Hilmar Middle School tasted avocado smoothies as part of their Taste and Teach grant.

Interested in applying for a Taste and Teach grant? Applications open on August 9 for the 2021-2022 year.





**LAST CHANCE
to order this FREE
Sizzling Summer
Special!**

Order [HERE!](#)

Help your students, family and friends all learn about ag!



Kevin Crivelli

Grades taught: 4

School: Sacred Heart Catholic School

County: Stanislaus

How and when did you first learn about Ag in the Classroom?

I have been using Ag in the Classroom resources for quite some time. My students have competed in the *Imagine this...* story contest, and have participated in numerous ag days at school, giving our kids a taste of all the different areas of agriculture there are. From tractors to dairy to bees, the kids soak it all up and are thoroughly engaged in many activities.



How long have you been teaching students about agriculture?

I have been teaching for the past 25 years and every year I have taught some form of agriculture. Agriculture is a part of our everyday lives here in Turlock and at Sacred Heart School. We have many students who are heavily involved in ag at home and like to share their knowledge. The past 4 years I have spent teaching 4th grade has allowed me to spend a lot more time to dive deeper into California agriculture.

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

My favorite AITC program is the *Imagine this...* story writing contest. I love seeing the creativity of my students. They have written some very creative and informative stories. I am extremely proud to have one of my students be a state winner this year!

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

California has a very diverse agricultural background and I like to expand my students' knowledge of California ag beyond the central valley. I do this with an activity called "A Taste of California." In this activity, I put together a plate of various California products for the kids to sample and try to guess which area of California produces it. I offer a wide range of samples that include items such as garlic, cheese, almonds, artichoke, salmon, milk, chocolate, rice, and even In-N-Out Burgers. My students research each product and its area to find why certain crops are more successful in certain areas, as well as the crops importance to the United States and other countries.

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

Many students have parents who work within the ag industry. This makes the students eager to share their background and knowledge. My advice would be to allow students to share with you and their peers about their knowledge. They are incredibly knowledgeable, and we can all learn from them.

Are you an educator using California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom? Sign up to be a future Teacher Feature!

Please send an interest email to info@LearnAboutAg.org.



Featured Resources



Free Orange You Glad We Have Farmland? Classroom Kits

Interested in a hands-on activity to teach fractions, science, and just how important California farmland is? If so, we have a great **FREE** kit* for you!

California Farmland Trust's, *Orange You Glad We Have Farmland?* curriculum poster, is geared towards students in grades three through five. The curriculum is designed to meet California Academic Standards in science and math, and includes extension activities that complement English-Language Arts, History-Social Science and visual and performing arts.

Each kit will come with a set of curriculum posters, [available in English and Spanish](#), as well as the materials referenced on the poster, including cutting boards, student-safe knives, paper towels, and fresh oranges for 25 students. Cutting boards and student-safe knives are reusable and we encourage you to share them with other classrooms or repeat the activity in future years.

Kits will be ready to ship in September. Each kit recipient is required to provide feedback on the use and impact of the kit, as well as provide photos of the kit in use in the classroom, featuring students who have a photo release (which will be emailed to teachers when materials ship).

The *Orange You Glad We Have Farmland?* classroom kit project was made possible with the support from the CalAgPlate Grant Program and our partners at Raley's, AgSafe, and the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

If you are interested in receiving an *Orange You Glad We Have Farmland?* kit, order your kit [here](#).

*While supplies last.

Literacy for Life Grant

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 classroom instruction.

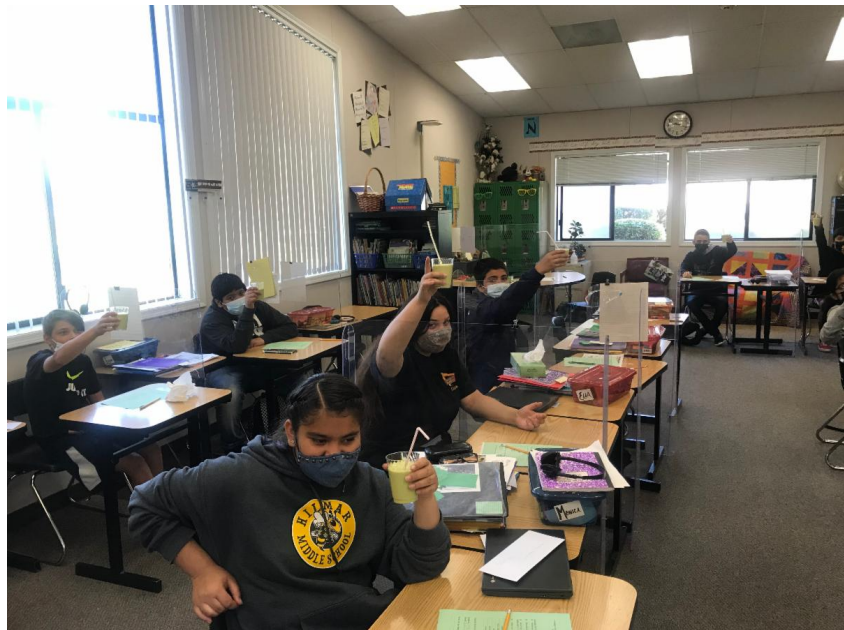


Explore the list of project ideas and read how previous recipients have used this funding to improve agricultural learning opportunities on their campuses, [here](#). The applications are also used to select our Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Grant applications will open on **August 2, 2021** for the 2021-2022 year. [Apply here](#).

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. Selected teachers will receive a \$100 gift card to Raley's, Bel Air Markets and Nob Hill Foods or Stater Bros. grocery stores to



purchase featured California grown commodities (fruits, vegetables, dairy, and nuts!) 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 Academic Standards. The program requires teachers to complete a formative and summative online evaluation.

Grant applications will open on **August 9, 2021** for the 2021-2022 year.

More information on Taste and Teach can be found [here](#).

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom Virtual Conference

Save the Date for the Virtual 2021
California Agriculture in the Classroom
Conference, September 24-25, 2021.

Check out previous conferences [here!](#)



Community Events

For Educators

CA Homeschool Convention

Event Location: Ontario, CA
Event Dates:

- August 26-28, 2021

The CA Homeschool Convention is open to homeschool educators and families and will provide resources and curriculum. More information can be found, [here.](#)

2021 Expanded Learning Opportunities with STEAM Back-To-School Pre-Conference/California STEAM Symposium

Event Location: Virtual
Event Dates:

- September 1, 2021
- October 21-23, 2021

The California STEAM Symposium is co-hosting a virtual conference on October 21-23, 2021. This event will allow STEAM educators to collaborate with STEAM experts. Prior to this event, they are hosting a STEAM Back-To-School Pre-Conference, on September 1, that will explore opportunities for collaboration between community based organizations and the TK-16 system. More information can be found, [here.](#)

Santa Barbara County Farm Day

Event Location: Santa Barbara County
Event Dates:

- September 18, 2021

Mark your calendars for Santa Barbara County Farm Day presented by [SEEAG!](#) A day full of self-guided tours through local farms throughout Santa Barbara county. More information coming soon, [here.](#)

The California Science Education Experience

Event Location: Virtual
Event Dates:

[The California Association of Science Educators](#) is hosting the California Science Education Experience. This virtual conference will provide professional learning

- October 8-10, 2021

for science educators to add to their classroom. More information and details can be found, [here](#).

Ventura County Farm Day

Event Location: Ventura County

Event Dates:

- November 6, 2021

Save the date for the ninth annual Ventura County Farm Day, presented by **SEEAG!** A day full of free activities and agricultural tours hosted at a variety of different farms, ranches, and agricultural organizations across the county. More information to come, [here](#).

For Students

4th Grade Farm Day

Event Location: Tehama District Fairground

Event Dates:

- September 7, 2021

The Tehama County Farm Bureau is hosting a 4th grade Farm Day at the Tehama District Fairground on September 7. 4th grade students will have the opportunity to visit 10 rotating stations that include beef, dairy, bees, sheep, goats, and much more.



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Help us continue providing programs and materials that create an awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students. Make a **donation** today!

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