



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Fantastic Fact:

Green beans, also called snap beans, are nitrogen fixers!
They draw nitrogen from the air and return it to the soil.
Farmers often plant beans to replenish the soil.

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April 1, 2022

Join us virtually to celebrate agriculture while learning about the "99% Club!" California produces 99% of the nation's production of 16 commodities that are enjoyed throughout the United States and the world - almonds, olives, garlic, artichokes, and kiwis...to name a few.

There's no cost to participate.
Register [HERE!](https://www.learnaboutag.org/California-Farm-Day)

California Farm Day will be streamed live through YouTube.





Seed Survivor Classroom Kit



Just
add
soil!

Curriculum-
based

Teach **Grades 2-5 students** about the importance of agriculture and growing healthy plants through this virtual presentation and hands-on sunflower planting activity!

Lesson plan and student activities available online.

**Sign up to request a FREE kit
for your classroom!**



seedsurvivor.com

Get a Box of Growing Goodness... Request a Free Kit for your Classroom!

Seed Survivor is a free, curriculum-based, agricultural program for elementary students with a focus on grades 2-5.

After participating in the Seed Survivor Program, students will have an understanding of what it takes to grow plants and the fact that plants need water, light, healthy soil, and nutrients to survive. They also learn about where their food comes from and the importance of agriculture to their daily lives.

The kit includes:

- Seed Survivor cups and lids for up to 30 students
- Giganteus sunflower seeds
- Teacher poster
- Printed media card to help with accessing the materials online

All participants plant a sunflower seed to take home and watch the plant grow!

Request the Seed Survivor Kit and learn more [HERE!](#)



Teacher Feature

Deborah George

Grades: 9-12-Art Teacher

Sheldon High School

County: Sacramento

**Let's start with the basics:
What is your favorite California**

commodity?

I love peaches and satsuma mandarins from a local farm in Newcastle, CA.

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

I first started working with the *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest program in 1997 having my advanced art students illustrate the prize-winning elementary school students' stories about agriculture in California.

How long have you been teaching students about agriculture?

I've been working with *Imagine this...* for over 20 years. Each year as my students receive their story to illustrate, they research the key agriculture components of the story; equipment, planting and harvesting methods, climate, primary locations, and the development of characters that are integral to the story.

**What is your favorite AITC program, resource, or event and why?**

One of the best parts of the *Imagine this...* Story Writing Contest is the culminating event held in Sacramento. The celebration usually takes place at the State Capitol where the elementary school authors of the prize-winning stories meet the high school students who illustrated their stories. It's equally exciting for both groups and quite an honor to be at the State Capitol.

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

Imagine this... puts my art students in the role of real-life graphic designers who must work to the criteria, specifications, and deadlines of the California Foundation for Agriculture In the Classroom. Once completed, all the stories and illustrations are published in a book that is quite an accomplishment for all students involved!

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

As my students do the research about the agricultural components of their story, they share their knowledge with the entire class as well as their progress on the story illustrations. All the students are interested in the agricultural details included in the story and the fact that their peers have their art published in a book!

**Are you an educator including agriculture in your classroom?
Be a future Teacher Feature!**

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

You can also reach us on social media, links below.



Featured Resources

Get your Beef Bookmarks!

Flip over this beef bookmark for some fun and fascinating facts on California cattle. Order bookmarks for your entire class!

- Beef is jam-packed with which nutrients?
- What is the most popular form of beef served?
- What by-products depend on cattle?

Request your bookmarks [HERE!](#)



Grant Feature

Grant Opportunity!

The California Native Garden Foundation (CNGF) is pleased to make available native garden design grants to schools, colleges, museums, and other public spaces and non-profit organizations across California. CNGF has been awarding grants to schools to design and install gardens featuring California native plants since 2004. Through the School Garden Design Grant Program, CNGF offers grants for gardens that feature California native plants, including edible plants, ornamental horticulture or both.



APPLICATION PERIOD: ON GOING

More information [HERE!](#)

More Ways to LearnAboutAg®

Don't Miss This!
May 14, 2022

Want a fun, engaging and interactive webinar that

will provide participants with hands-on activities for teaching youth about agriculture?

Sign up [HERE!](#)

SUPER SATURDAY

A FREE ZOOM WEBINAR FOR EDUCATORS

MAY 14, 2022 | 12-5:00 PM



WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

- Virtual Field Trip
- Materials for 5 Hands-On Activities
- Registration Bag Full of Classroom Resources

The webinar sessions will provide participants with engaging hands-on activities for teaching youth about agriculture!

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER TODAY!
WWW.LEARNABOUTAG.ORG/PROGRAMS/WEBINAR

Community Events

For Educators

On The Farm STEM 2022

Applications open:

February through March 11, 2022

Discover an agricultural approach to science teaching and learning with the 2022 On the Farm STEM program. This year's program brings together teams of educators to meet with experts in science education, agricultural science, and beef production. Find the application [here.](#)

Forestry Institute For Teachers

Registration now open!

Forestry Institute for Teachers is a week-long residence workshop for California educators. Join natural resource professionals and credentialed educators to explore forest ecosystems and the impact they have on our communities. 40 hours of Academic Credit is available! More information [here.](#)

For Students

Water Education Lessons for Life

Dates: Ongoing

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California has a variety of programs to engage students of all ages with activities focused on artistic expression, engineering, science and teamwork. Find out more [here.](#)

**GROWMARK Foundation
Announces 2022
Agricultural Scholarship
Program**

Application Deadline Date:
Midnight April 14, 2022

The GROWMARK Foundation is offering a \$1,500 scholarship program for students in the United States pursuing two- or four-year degrees or trade school certification in an agriculture-related field. Application found [here](#).

**San Joaquin County
AgVenture**

Event Location: Tracy, Ca
• April 14, 2022

San Joaquin County AgVenture is an agriculture and nutrition education program for 3rd graders in San Joaquin County. Each student has the opportunity to attend one FREE AgVenture event throughout San Joaquin County based on their school location where they will learn about local agriculture, nutrition, water, and soil and so much more. For more information contact sjcagventure@yahoo.com.



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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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