



California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Fantastic Fact:

The average strawberry has 200 seeds!
Those seeds are on the outside of the fruit.

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SUPER SATURDAY

A FREE ZOOM WEBINAR FOR EDUCATORS

MAY 14, 2022 | 9 AM-2 PM



WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

- Virtual Field Trip
- Materials for 6 Hands-On Activities
- Registration Packet with Classroom Resources, Snacks and more!

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

**LAST
CHANCE! Only**

30 spots left!

Did you know that walnuts are used to make snow tires?
Ever wonder how much of the earth's surface is used to grow food?

We invite you to join us for our FREE upcoming **Super Saturday Webinar** to discover the answers to these questions and so much more!

REGISTER HERE

*Register to receive your free packet of supplies for the hands-on activities
(while supplies last, 30 packets left to send)!*





**It's almost
time to
give!**

May 5, 2022



Food is the foundation of life.

Ag in the Classroom's mission is to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's students and educators.

Through our resources, we reached 1.2 million students last year, and we are hungry for more. We hope to continue to provide FREE resources for teachers and students throughout the golden state. Can you help us?

May 5 is the **Big Day of Giving**, but you can donate or schedule your donation now with the click of the donate button below. Please consider making a contribution that will help provide agriculture-related activities and resources for California students.

Donate [HERE!](#)



Teacher Feature

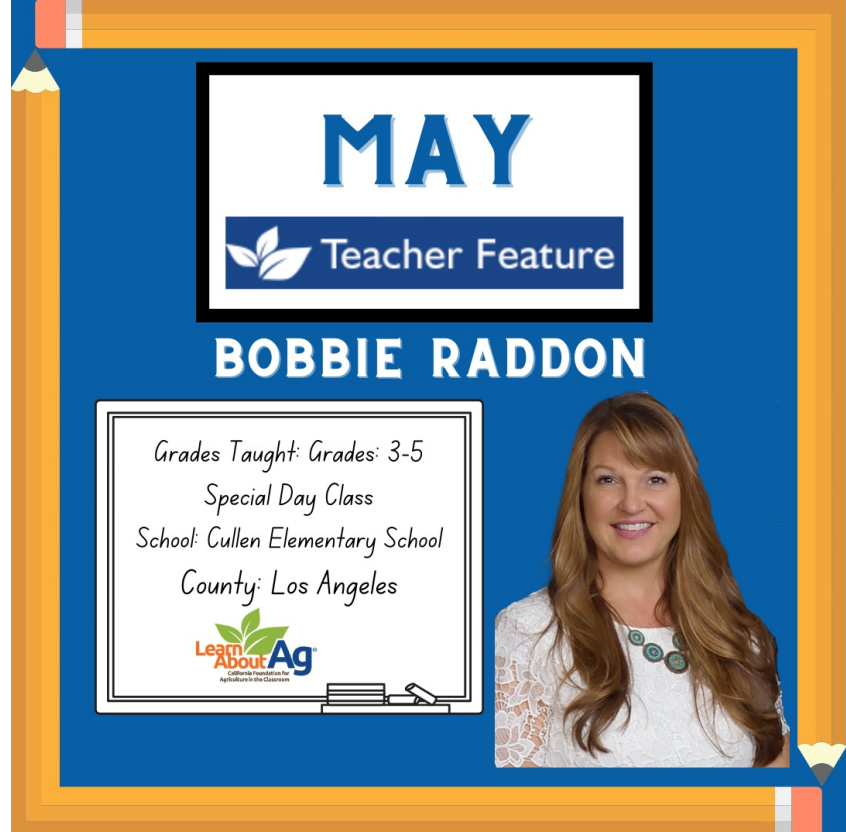
Let's start with the basics: What is your favorite California commodity?

Wow! I have to choose?
It's a tie between
oranges, grapes, and
pistachios!

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

I just learned about Ag

in the Classroom in the beginning of the school year! I received an email, forwarded from the Glendora Unified School District, about the organization. I was excited about the opportunity to use these resources to expand academic skills while incorporating daily living skills for my students with special needs. I have to admit, the Taste and Teach program helping to pay for the produce was also enticing!



How long have you been teaching students about agriculture?

For several years I've taught about agriculture within our California history unit. However, this is the first year in which I've specifically taught about various California commodities, their production, and uses.

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

As a special education teacher, sometimes the lesson plans can be too advanced at for my class, but what they do love are the Fantastic Facts from the Agricultural Fact and Activity Sheets, and I enjoy the teaching ideas, especially the videos.

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

I participate in the Taste and Teach program. My special day class thoroughly enjoys our Taste and Teach days. We start the day playing "guess the produce." When the commodity was apples, for example, I read the fruit facts to them and my class kept guessing which California produce it was until they identified apples. We then observed three different types of apples – Granny Smith, Red Delicious, and Fuji. We predicted which apples we would like best and recorded our predictions. We did apple tasting and charted the class's response for which apples they liked best. We made applesauce together in the crockpot, starting in the morning and enjoyed it at the end of the day. We sampled apple chips and tried Manzanita Apple soda. It was a blast!

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

My recommendation is to use the Ag in the Classroom resources as cross-content units as they can incorporate social studies, math, language arts, and visual arts. For my special education class, my students are also using life skills when we prepare snacks or meals with the Taste and Teach commodity of the month.

Any Ag-ha moments in your classroom?

Yes, in December with oranges! We started by guessing the fruit of the month. I gave them facts about the fruit and they guessed what fruit it was, eventually guessing correctly. One student with autism was afraid to try the actual fruit, but was convinced to at least lick the orange. He prefers juice to the fruit, but at least he tried it!

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

*Please send an interest email to jennifer@learnaboutag.org
You can also reach us on social media, links below.*



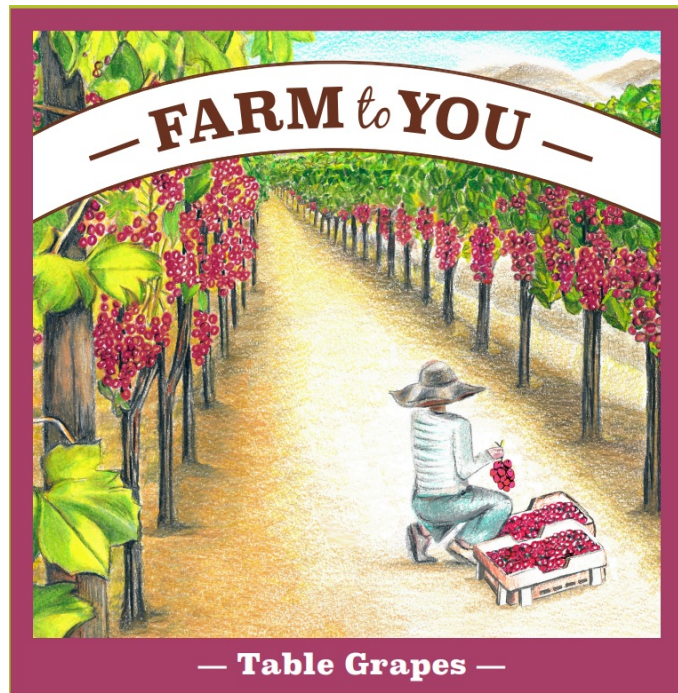
Featured Resources

Got Grapes?

Spring has sprung and your future grapes are starting to grow. How much do you know about this California commodity?

- Grapevines are climbing plants that grow far and fast in a single season.
- Unlike some other fruit, grapes are not harvested until they are fully ripe.

Find out more with our Farm to You Table Grapes resource.



[Download or order the resource here!](#)

Grant Feature

Salad Bars to Schools!

Research shows that children with access to salad bars consume 33% more fruits and vegetables.





Community Events

For Educators

California Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

Ventura, California

September 22-24, 2022

Save the date

Collaborate with educators who share your passion for agriculture! The conference is designed for K-12 educators, administrators, and volunteers to come together to learn and share how to incorporate food and fiber into all curricular areas! More details and registration information coming soon [here!](#)

California Bumble Bee Atlas

Dates: Ongoing

California Bumble Bee Atlas is a collaborative community science effort to track and conserve the state's native bumblebee species. Get more details and training information [here.](#)

School Meals Podcast

Dates: Ongoing

Dairy Council of California and Natomas Unified School District (NUSD) collaborated through the Let's Eat Healthy initiative to launch a three-part podcast series titled, How Do School Meals Support Students' Health and Well-being? Listen to the podcast series [here!](#)

**Art and Agriculture
Santa Paula Art Museum**

Dates: Ongoing

Art About Agriculture is an annual exhibit to promote awareness of agriculture by exploring its many facets through art—from workers to water, from machinery to fields, to the food that goes on our plates. See related Art Integration Lessons [here.](#)

**California Academy of Science's
Teacher Workshops Summer 2022**

In-person or virtual workshops offered through the California Academy of Sciences. For teachers grades K-12.

For Students

El Dorado County Farm Day

El Dorado County Fairgrounds

May 11, 2022

Hands-on Farm Day experience with lessons about agriculture and its role in our everyday lives. Local farmers and community volunteers share their knowledge of farms, food and forests with El Dorado County 3rd graders. Teachers are encouraged to register early as acceptance is first come first served and space is limited. [Register here!](#)

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](#).

The California Science Center

Virtual Field Trips

Dates: Ongoing

The California Science Center is offering free, NGSS-aligned, virtual field trips for K-5 grade students. They are available in English and Spanish and have free activity guides!



Show Your Support for Agricultural Literacy

Help us continue providing programs and materials that create an awareness and understanding of agriculture among California's educators and students.

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