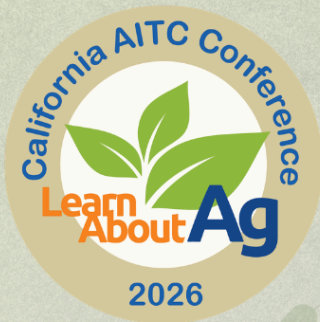




CREAM OF THE CROP

Your monthly roundup of new resources, grants, upcoming events, and inspiring teacher features.

Registration Now OPEN!



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REGIONAL TEACHER CONFERENCES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
NORTHERN REGION - SONOMA COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
CENTRAL REGION - STANISLAUS COUNTY

OCTOBER 10, 2026
SOUTHERN REGION - SAN DIEGO COUNTY



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LOCAL FARM FIELD TRIP EXPERIENCE



CLASSROOM-READY RESOURCES



CONNECT WITH FELLOW EDUCATORS

Registration:

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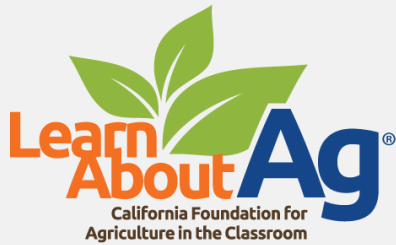
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

We're bringing our teacher conference experience to you with **Regional Teacher Conferences**. This new format replaces one

large event with smaller, local gatherings, making it easier to attend, connect, and learn.

[Register Here](#)

Meet Our Summer Intern, Abbi!



Please help us welcome Abbi to the AITC team this summer!

Abbi recently completed her third year at CSU, Chico and is pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education.

Throughout the summer, she will support resource fulfillment, event preparation, curriculum projects, and more.



“The opportunity to work with an organization that promotes the importance of agriculture education is especially exciting to me because my passion for both agriculture and education started in an Ag classroom. I am looking forward to my time with Ag in the Classroom this summer!” — Abbi

Volunteer With Us!



Volunteer Opportunities



We're looking for volunteers to support our education programs by reviewing applications, judging student projects, and helping recognize outstanding work.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

FILL OUT THE FORM BY VISITING
WWW.LEARNABOUTAG.ORG/GET-INVOLVED

Volunteer Form

Explore Our Spanish Resources

Browse engaging agriculture education resources available in Spanish.

18va Edición

¿Qué crece por aquí?

Utilería para Cultivos Especializados

¡Entérate de Todo!
Durante los últimos 18 años, la Fundación para la Agricultura de California ha producido ¿Qué crece por aquí? un manual para ayudar a los estudiantes a descubrir los diferentes climas en los que se producen los alimentos. Este manual, está impreso en la variedad de cultivos especializados en sus raíces producidas por los granjeros, ganaderos y productores agrícolas de California. Las actividades y artículos presentados en ¿Qué crece por aquí? fueron diseñados para ayudar a los estudiantes acerca de la variedad de productos que ofrecen beneficios nutricionales, reduciendo su dependencia a comprar los alimentos que consumen en granjas. ¡La diversidad cultural que se produce aquí es el estado de California!

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(Extra! ¡Extra! lecciones extendidas, visita www.LearnAboutAg.org/ago o llama (800) 700-AITC



¿NARANJA te alegra que tengamos TIERRAS CULTIVADAS?

APRENDIENDO DE DONDE VIENE NUESTRA COMIDA Y FIBRA ES UNA BUENA LECCIÓN EN LA VIDA.

Aprende cuanto terreno se usa para cultivar comida para la población mundial.

¿Cuál porcentaje de la tierra crees que se usa para cultivar la comida que se necesita para alimentar a todo el mundo?

IMAGINA LA TIERRA COMO UNA NARANJA

- Aproximadamente el 75% de la tierra está cubierta de agua.
- 22% de la tierra es desierto, pantanos, montañas, regiones polares, o tierras demasiado rocosas, húmedo o caliente para cultivar alimentos.
- El 3% del planeta es aceptable para la agricultura y representa la cantidad en la que los seres humanos dependen para cultivar alimentos.



3% de la tierra

Grados 3-5

¿Qué Es la Suciedad En La Tierra?

¿Qué está en mi tierra?
¡Vea de cerca su frasco después de unas horas!

¡Haz un frasco de tierra!

Materiales

1. Un frasco transparente con tapa
2. Tierra de afuera*
3. Agua


Opcional: 1 cucharada de alumbre (sulfato de aluminio potasio) o jabón para trastes

*¡sáque de 2 a 3 pulgadas debajo de la superficie y asegúrese de que no tenga piedras ni raíces grandes!

Actividad

MATERIAL ORGÁNICO
¡Flota a la superficie!

BARRO
Pegajoso, mantiene el agua.




California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

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**Literacy for Life
NOW Accepting Applications!**



This program supports California PreK–12 educators in launching new projects or expanding existing ones that promote agricultural literacy.

Apply by October 4, 2026

[Apply Here](#)

Magnolia Agriscience Community Center is offering Farm to Future, a free professional learning experience for K–12 educators.


Cultivating Minds: Educating for Sustainable Growth
SUMMER 2026
2nd Annual

Professional Development for K-12 Educators
June 17th and 18th
8:30-2:30pm



Our Curriculum Developer, Marjie Zarinelli, will be leading a workshop during the event.

Thanks to grant funding, the \$250 registration fee is waived, and farm-to-table breakfast and lunch are provided.

 **Magnolia High School**
June 17-18 | 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

[Registration and More Info Here](#)

Forestry Institute for Teachers 2026 Summer Program

Ready to take your teaching beyond the classroom? Step into the forest with the Forestry Institute for Teachers this summer. FIT offers immersive in-woods professional learning experiences designed for both formal and nonformal educators. Registration is all-inclusive, covering on-site accommodations, meals and resources; you just have to get there!

FIT Forestry Institute for Teachers Summer 2026 Sessions



Where Environmental Literacy & Forest Stewardship Take Root

Looking to grow your teaching practice beyond the classroom? Immerse yourself in California Forestry with a professional learning experience unlike any other! FIT blends engaging, field-based training alongside credentialed instructors with real-world insights from subject-matter experts to explore stewardship of our state's forest resources and expand your environmental education toolkit.



Learn more and apply at forestryinstitute.org

Participants Receive

- ◆ Certification in Project Learning Tree (PLT) & Project Water Education Today (WET)
- ◆ Standards-aligned pedagogical support, curricula, and teaching resources
- ◆ Networking with peers and professionals
- ◆ 3 Continuing Education Units - eligible for purchase upon program completion
- ◆ \$200 curriculum project stipend post-session

"I'm excited to engage students in meaningful forest discussions and open young minds to alternative points of view." - El Dorado Participant

Programming made possible with support from



2026 Week-Long Sessions

| Session | Location | Date |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| El Dorado | Georgetown | June 14 - 20 |
| Tuolumne | Sonora | June TBD |
| Humboldt | Arcata | July 11 - 17 |
| Shasta | Shingletown | July 19 - 25 |

Registration covers room, board and materials
Early bird discount ends Dec. 31st / \$150 after

Who Can Attend?

Past participants include TK-12+ credentialed educators, preservice teachers, nonformal educators, administrators, curriculum specialists, and program leads. Whether attending solo or as a team, build a rich community of learning with your session's cohort and grade-band breakout groups.



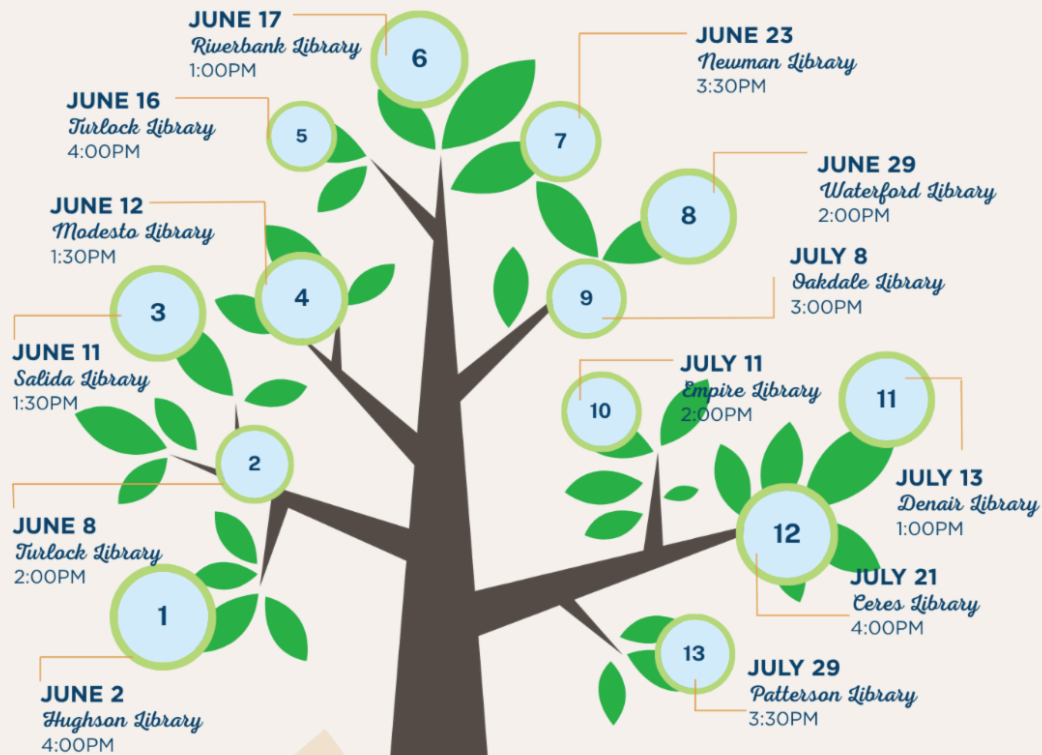
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Summer Library Program

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The Stanislaus County Farm Bureau Foundation, in partnership with the Stanislaus County Library and Modesto Irrigation District, is excited to launch a new Summer Library Program for local families!

Bring your kiddos for a fun and interactive agricultural activity while learning about the top 10 commodities grown in Stanislaus County. Each program will include hands-on learning, fun take-home goodies, and a chance to discover how agriculture helps feed and fuel our community.

Join us this summer for learning, fun, and a celebration of local agriculture!

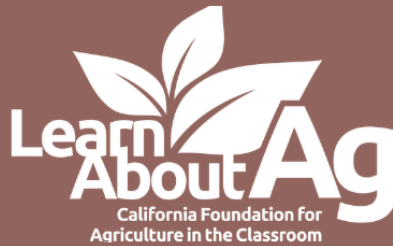
See you there . . .



This summer, Stanislaus County Farm Bureau is partnering with Stanislaus County Library and Modesto Irrigation District to bring agriculture to kids across the county! Families can enjoy free storytime readings and hands-on ag activities at every library branch throughout the summer. It's a fun way to learn, explore, and grow through agriculture!

[More Info Here](#)

June 2026 Teacher Feature



"Agriculture learning doesn't have to include a huge garden project to make an impact — simple, hands-on activities can make a lasting difference in the classroom."

LeeAnn Caradine
3rd Grade
Center Elementary School
Fairfield, CA



Do you have any advice for other teachers on how to bring agriculture into their classroom?

Start small and be willing to experiment, agriculture doesn't have to be a huge garden project to make an impact. Use simple, hands-on activities like planting seeds, observing growth, or integrating agriculture into reading and math lessons. Most importantly, have fun with what you are learning and always try something new.

I began my hydroponics journey this year, and it has made a huge difference in my students' engagement and ability to learn, especially during times when our garden crops are not growing. It's given us a consistent, interactive way to explore agriculture year-round.

To read LeeAnn's full feature, click [HERE!](#)

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