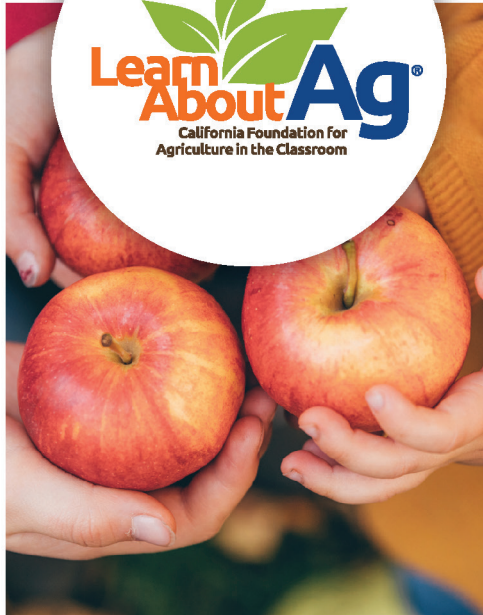




YOUR GUIDE TO
**AGRICULTURE
IN THE CLASSROOM**
County Farm Bureau Supplement



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MAKING AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR COUNTY

The roots of the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom reach back to the 1980s when the program was administered through the California Farm Bureau Federation's Agricultural Education Program. The demand for agriculture literacy grew rapidly and, in October of 1986, the California Farm Bureau established the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (CFAITC) to create an entity solely dedicated to improving the understanding of agriculture.

As our population grows further away from its agrarian roots, it becomes more important to inform students, teachers, and the public about the significant role agriculture plays in our society and our economy. CFAITC encourages County Farm Bureaus to take an active role in promoting agriculture literacy to both students and their teachers in an effort to engage them in County Farm Bureau activities. CFAITC appreciates working with County Farm Bureaus as together we are able to reach more teachers and students throughout California.

Forming Partnerships

Every county has different agriculturally related organizations, different sized schools, and diversity in terms of rural, suburban, and urban populations. Collaborative partnerships are a useful tool in maximizing your education program while utilizing your human, financial, and educational resources more efficiently.

Resource Availability

CFAITC produces and publishes free resources that are available for download or hard copies can be requested. Check out our online catalog for additional promotional items that can be purchased and utilized for all your county agriculture literacy efforts and events.

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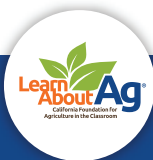
Financial Resources

It is important to determine what funds are available for Agriculture in the Classroom activities.

Has your County Farm Bureau utilized the Ag in the Classroom Assistance Funds provided by CFAITC?

Each County Farm Bureau is eligible for up to \$1,000 Agriculture in the Classroom Assistance Funds to sponsor a teacher to attend our annual CA Ag in the Classroom conference and \$300 for CFAITC promotional items and resources to enhance local program activities. CFAITC produces and publishes a new edition of our student newspaper, *What's Growin' On?* and provides 1,000 free copies to each county Farm Bureau annually.

More details on the next page, County Support Services.



COUNTY SUPPORT SERVICES

- **\$1,000 Agriculture in the Classroom Assistance Funds:** To sponsor teacher(s) to attend the annual CA Ag in the Classroom conference. Application available at <https://form.jotform.com/231507631233144>



- **\$300 for promotional items:** Order directly from the materials list at <https://cfaitc.z2systems.com/np/clients/cfaitc/catalog.jsp>
- **1,000 Complimentary *What's Growin' On?* Student newsletters:** Available with every new edition. Great for Farm/Ag Days, fairs and other agriculture events.
- **Teacher Resources:** Free resources for teachers are great to distribute to educators at Ag/Farm Days, Summer Ag Seminars and any other local event.
- **List of educators in your area who subscribe to CFAITC's newsletters and resources.** You can use this information as you plan your upcoming Agriculture in the Classroom activities to communicate with teachers in your county.
- **Are you interested in scheduling a CFAITC presentation?** Please call to schedule a presentation for local educators or board members about CFAITC efforts.
- **LearnAboutAg.org:** Search and download our resources, learn about new opportunities and more! Post an agriculture education event that your county is hosting for all to see. CFAITC offers a free monthly e-newsletter, *Cream of the Crop*, and an online *Ag Literacy Calendar*.



ADDITIONAL COUNTY SUPPORT SERVICES

County Agricultural Literacy Program Development

CFAITC works with individual counties to share and plan education activities, which provide an opportunity for county Farm Bureau members and leaders to be involved with schools and educators in their area.

County Summer Agricultural Seminar/Farm Day Support

In addition to resources, CFAITC provides support for the planning and implementation of Summer Agricultural Seminars and Ag/Farm Days. Foundation staff will attend planning meetings and strive to participate in as many of the annual county Summer Agricultural Seminars as possible.

County Visits

The CFAITC staff is committed to increasing the communication and personal contacts with county Farm Bureau leaders and members, staff, and Agriculture in the Classroom volunteers. Please do not hesitate to invite a CFAITC staff member to your county and involve them in your local efforts. We are here to help make your efforts easier and to enhance the work you are doing to promote agriculture literacy.

Educational Resources

CFAITC provides educational resources to educators, public and private schools, county Farm Bureaus, local Agriculture in the Classroom programs, UC Cooperative Extension Offices, County Offices of Education, and more, to help ensure that agricultural themes are integrated into every classroom. CFAITC offers educator friendly standards-based materials for free or low cost to anyone interested in agriculture literacy.

