

Yearly Calender of National Ag Days

**With corresponding lessons, activities,
and book recommendations.**



**Kansas Foundation
for AGRICULTURE
in the Classroom**



Introduction

About Us

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a statewide, self-funded 501(c)3 nonprofit agricultural literacy program providing educational resources, training, and support for schools, educators, and volunteers to spark meaningful connections between classrooms and Kansas agriculture.

Using the Calendar

We composed a list of national days of the year that relate to agriculture for your reference. We've included lessons, book recommendations, resources, and more for each day/month. We encourage you to use this calendar as an easy way to incorporate agriculture into your classroom on certain days of the year.

Why is agriculture important?

Agriculture is crucial to our everyday lives, from our clothes to the food on our plates. By teaching agriculture in all classrooms, we can educate them about the world's most important industry. We must excite the next generation to show them just how important Kansas Agricultural is to their lives.

January

National Bio-Tech Month



Bio-Tech

Lessons

- Making Bio-plastics
- Algaculture and Biofuel
- Drones in High-Tech Farming

Book Recommendation

- The Magic School Bus Rides Again: Robot Farm



Bean Day

January 6

Lessons

- Bean Seed Cycle
- Pinto Beans from the Farm
- Magic Beans and Giant Plants

Book Recommendation

- Green Bean! Green Bean!



Popcorn Day

January 19

Lessons

- Get Popping!
- Inherited Traits in the Living Corn Necklace

Book Recommendation

- Let's, Pop, Pop, Popcorn



Kansas Day

January 29

Lessons

- Kansas Prairies
- Celebrate Wheat
- Celebrate Pork
- Graze like a Cow

Book Recommendation

- Kailey's Ag Adventures

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

Jan 5 - National Bird Day Jan 9 - National Apricot Day

Jan 20 - National Cheese Lovers Day Jan 11 - National Milk Day

February

National Lamb Month



Lamb

Lessons

- A Tail of Two Sheep
- At Home on the Range
- Baa, Ram, Ewe.....Sheep Tales

Book Recommendation

- From Sheep to Sweater



Pizza Day

February 9

Lessons

- Pizza Time!
- Cheesemaking: From Liquid to Solid

Book Recommendation

- Extra Cheese, Please!
- Pizza: A Slice of History



Cabbage Day

February 17

Lessons

- Farmers Market Finds

Book Recommendation

- Farmers Market
- Katie's Cabbage
- Right Here on this Spot



Strawberry Day

February 27

Lessons

- Strawberry Breeding and Genetics
- Freshest Fruits

Book Recommendation

- I Love Strawberries
- Berry Song

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

National Sweet Potato Month Feb 9 - National Chocolate Day

Feb 16 - National Almond Day

March

National Agriculture Month

Agriculture

Lessons

- [A Day Without Agriculture](#)
- [Where does it come from?](#)
- [My Agricultural Connections](#)

Book Recommendation

- [Farmer George Plants a Nation](#)

World Water Day

March 22

Lessons

- [Kansas Ponds, Lakes, and Reservoirs](#)
- [Theres a Watershed in my Backyard](#)
- [Water Beneath my Feet](#)

Companion Resource

- [Troubled Waters Activity](#)

Learn about Butterfly Day

March 14

Lessons

- [The Very Hungry Western Caterpillar](#)
- [My Farm Web](#)

Book Recommendation

- [Jo MacDonald Had a Garden](#)

Flour Day

March 20

Lessons

- [Enjoying the Harvest](#)
- [Little Red Hen](#)
- [Bread in a Bag](#)

Book Recommendation

- [Still, There Was Bread](#)

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

Mar 19 - National Poultry Day Mar 12 - National Plant a Flower Day

Mar 1 - National Pig Day

April

National Soy Foods Month



Soy Foods

Lessons

- Bean Seed Cycles
- From Soybeans to Car Parts
- Topsy-Turvy Soybeans
- Soybean Lippgloss

Book Recommendation

- My Family's Soybean Farm



Tomato Day

April 6

Lessons

- Tomato Trivia
- Tomatoes Farm to Table

Book Recommendation

- I Will Never Not Ever Eat A Tomato
- Fruit Bowl



Farm Animal Day

April 10

Lessons

- Farm Animal Life Cycles
- Inside the Egg, Hatching Chicks
- Let's Raise a Barn

Book Recommendation

- Barn at Night



Earth Day

April 22

Lessons

- Four Seasons on a Farm
- Working Worms
- Earth's Land and Soil Resources

Book Recommendation

- You're Aboard Spaceship Earth

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

April 16 - Bananas Day April 30 - National Raisin Day

National Pollinators Month April 14 - National Pecan Day

May

National Beef Month



Beef

Lessons

- [Beef DNA Extraction](#)
- [Discovering Beef](#)
- [Graze Like a Cow](#)

Book Recommendation

- [Levi's Lost Calf](#)



Fruit and Vegetable Day May 24

Lessons

- [Growing Tomatoes](#)
- [A Taste of Leafy Greens](#)
- [Bunches of Berries](#)

Book Recommendation

- [A Fruit is a Suitcase for Seeds](#)



Hamburger Day May 28

Lessons

- [A Tale of Two Burgers](#)
- [Cooking Right: The Science of Cooking a Hamburger](#)

Companion Resource

- [Who Makes the Best Burger?](#)



Autonomous Vehicle Day May 31

Lessons

- [Robots in High-Tech Farming \(Grades 3-5\)](#)
- [Robots in High-Tech Farming \(Grades 6-8\)](#)

Companion Resource

- [Agricultural Technology Advancements Videos](#)

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

National Salad Month May 4 - National Orange Juice Day

May 4 - National Herb Day



June

National Dairy Month



National Sorghum Month



Dairy

Lessons

- Got Milk?
- Farm to Family- Dairy
- What to Make with Milk

Book Recommendation

- Clarabelle



Sorghum

Lessons

- Sorghum At School
(Grades K-2)
- Sorghum at School
(Grades 3-5)

Companion Resource

- Sorghum- The Super Grain



Egg Day

June 3

Lessons

- Eggology
- Eggs on the Menu
- Don't Forget the Eggs!

Book Recommendation

- From Egg to Chicken



Polinators Week

Mid June

Lessons

- Flower Power
- Prolific Pollinators

Book Recommendation

- Amazing Plant Powers: How Plants Fly, Flight, Hide, Hunt, & Change the World

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

June 11 - National Corn on the Cob Day June 4 - National Cheese Day

June 5 - World Environment Day

July

National Corn Month



Corn

Lessons

- Corn Calculations
- Farming in a Glove
- Energy and Biofuels

Book Recommendation

- A True Book: Corn



French Fry Day

July 11

Lessons

- Potatoes: More than Fries
- From Eyes to Fries
- Microbes - They're Everywhere

Book Recommendation

- Potatoes for Pirate Pearl



Day of the Cowboy

July 29

Lessons

- Making a Brand for ourselves the "Cowboy" Way
- The Cattle Drive and Westward Expansion

Book Recommendation

- 'Til the Cows Come Home



Ice Cream Day

Third Sunday in July

Lessons

- Milk, Sugar, Science: Engineering Ice Cream
- FoodMASTER: Fats and Oils
- Ice Cream in a Bag

Book Recommendation

- Chuck's Ice Cream Wish: Tales of the Fairy Godmother

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

National Picnic Month July 14 - National Mac and Cheese Day

2nd Tuesday - Cow Appreciation Day

August

Farmers Market Month



Farmers Market

Lessons

- Farmers Market Finds
- Chain of Food
- Food: Going the Distance

Book Recommendation

- Fresh Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers Market



Sunflower Day

First Saturday

Lessons

- Sunflowers Life Cycle
- The Seed Match

Book Recommendation

- Big Yellow Sunflower
- Sunflower Life Cycle



Watermelon Day

August 3

Lessons

- Melons, Mitosis, Meiosis

Companion Resources

- Harvest Year Book
- Top 10 Foods That Originally Looked Totally Different



Honey Bee Day

August 16

Lessons

- The Amazing Honey Bee
- Honey Bees: A Pollination Simulation
- Mind Your Own Beeswax

Book Recommendation

- Flight of the Honey Bee

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

Aug 10 - National S'mores Day Aug 29 - National Lemon Juice Day

Aug 31 - National Trail Mix Day

September

National Poultry Month



Poultry

Lessons

- FoodMASTER: Meat, Poultry, and Fish
- From Chicken Little to Chicken Big

Book Recommendation

- Chickens on the Farm



Food Bank Day

First Friday of September

Lessons

- Food Systems Feed the World
- Hunger and Malnutrition

Book Recommendation

- Our School Garden



Johnny Appleseed Day

September 26

Lessons

- A is for Apple
- An Apple a Day Keeps the Doctor Away
- Building with Apples

Book Recommendation

- Apple Pie Picnic



Pancake Day

September 26

Lessons

- Pancakes! (K-2 Grades)
- Pancakes! (3-5 Grades)

Book Recommendation

- Pancakes for Breakfast
- The Scrambled States of America

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

National Whole Grain Month Sept 15 - National Double Cheesburger Day

Sept 29 - National Coffee Day



October

National Pork Month



Pork

Lessons

- This Little Pig
- Pigs on the Farm
- Truth or Hogwash?

Book Recommendation

- Ramen for Everyone



Cotton Day

October 7

Lessons

- Cotton's American Journey
- Clothes on the Grow
- Oilseed Crops

Book Recommendation

- Eli Whitney and the Cotton Gin



Farmer Day

October 12

Lessons

- Right This Very Minute
- Farming in a Glove
- The Big Deal about Big Ag

Book Recommendation

- A Year on the Farm: With Casey and Friends



Pumpkin Day

October 26

Lessons

- Pumpkins... Not Just For Halloween
- The Case of the Missing Pumpkin

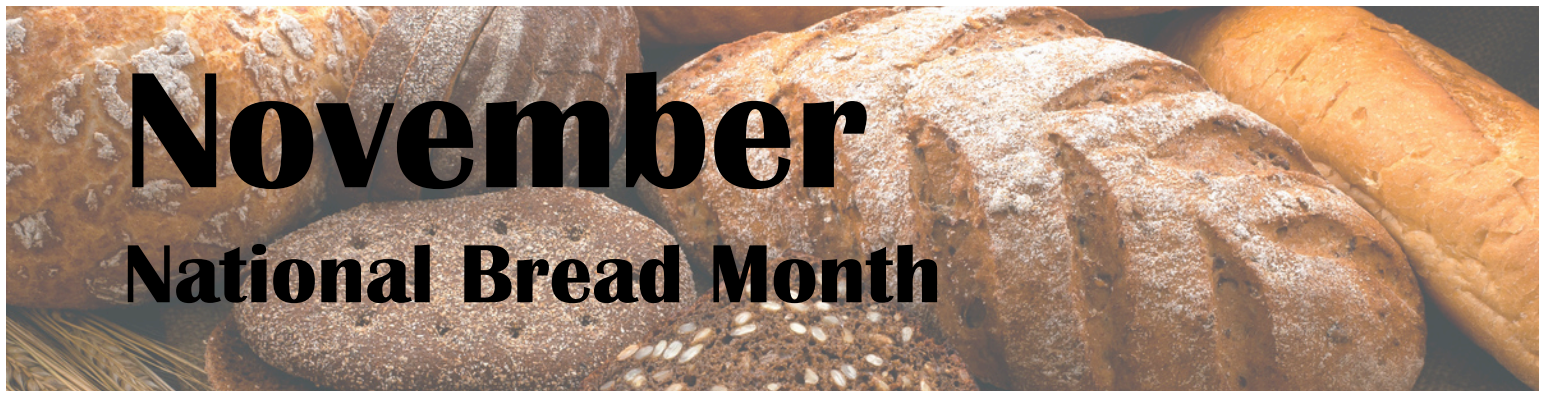
Book Recommendation

- Amara's Farm

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

National Apple Month National Pizza Month

Oct 16 - World Food Day Oct 17 - National Pasta Day



November

National Bread Month



Bread

Lessons

- Food Science: Bread Dough Challenge
- Wheat Germ DNA
- FoodMASTER: Grains

Book Recommendation

- Bread Comes to Life



November 8 STEM Day

Lessons

- Build it Better
- Eating Plants
- Fungi Multiplication

Book Recommendation

- Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close



November 17 Butter Day

Lessons

- It's a MOO-stery
- Whipping Butter into Shape
- Better Butter

Book Recommendation

- It's Milking Time



Fourth Thursday Thanksgiving

Lessons

- A Rafter of Turkeys
- Wild Rice
- The Geography of Thanksgiving Dinner

Book Recommendation

- Eating the Plates

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

Peanut Butter Lovers Month Nov 3 - National Sandwich Day

Nov 23 - National Eat a Cranberry Day



December

National Root Vegetable Month



Root Vegetable

Lessons

- Dig Em Up
- Storing Winter Squash

Book Recommendation

- Blue Ribbon Rabbits
- Logan's Greenhouse



December 5

Soil Day

Lessons

- Soil Under Your Feet
- Edible Soil Profile
- Agricultural Land Use

Book Recommendation

- A Handful of Dirt
- And the Good Brown Earth



December 8

Christmas Tree Day

Lessons

- Discover Christmas Trees
- Growing Up Evergreen
- Value Adding on a Christmas Tree Farm

Book Recommendation

- Zee Grows a Tree



December 13

Day of the Horse

Lessons

- Horse and Rider: The Pony Express
- Paint's Family Tree

Book Recommendation

- Off Like the Wind! The First Ride of the Pony Express

Other Ag Related Days to Celebrate

Dec 1 - National Pie Day Dec 12 - National Poinsettia Day

Dec 17 - National Maple Syrup Day Dec 30 - National Bacon Day

KFAC Resources and Opportunities

KFAC provide educators with agriculture experiences, credible resources, professional development, standards-based curriculum, and hands-on activities to show students the impact agriculture has on their daily lives by helping them see the origins of their food, fiber, and fuel.

FREE RESOURCES

- [Lesson Plans](#)
- [Lesson Plan Activity Kits](#)
- [Kansas Kids Connection Magazines](#)
- [Educators Guides](#)
- [Printable Posters](#)
- [Virtual Agriland](#)
- [Virtual Tours and Games](#)
- [Volunteer Resource Book](#)
- [Pre-Service Teacher Resource Book](#)
- [Kansas Agriculture Information](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Virtual and in-person workshops
- Pre-Service Teacher trainings
- Volunteer Webinars
- Conference Presentations
- On-demand offerings
- Summer Conference
- National Agriculture in the Classroom Events
- Participation in our partners' offerings

GRANTS & RECOGNITION

- Annually recognize Kansas Teachers through our [KFAC Teacher of the Year and Excellence in Teaching Programs](#)
- Give-aways on social media
- A chance to be featured on our social media for your unique ag lessons
- [Educator Mini-Grants](#) to support teachers starting agriculture in their classrooms
- Offer [scholarships](#) to attend the National Professional Development Event
- Contests throughout the year



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