



2022



National Agriculture in the Classroom

Annual Report



Executive Director's Message

Here at the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO), we strive to develop relevant, standards-based PreK through 12th

grade lesson plans and companion resources, offer teacher inservice and preservice workshops, conduct agricultural literacy reading programs in elementary schools, and provide grant programs and other initiatives to help teachers educate students about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives.

In 2022, we hosted the National Agriculture in the Classroom National Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York in person for more than 700 attendees and virtually provided 800 registered educators resources on how to use agricultural concepts as teaching tools in their classrooms, farm tours, and workshops. We honored eight teachers with the 2022 National Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award for their innovative ways they use agricultural concepts in their classroom instruction.

NAITCO provided grant funding to new, existing, or professional development projects submitted by nine Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) state and territory programs.

Our partners at The National Center for Agricultural Literacy continued the expansion of the National Agricultural Literacy Curriculum Matrix, a searchable database of hundreds of preK-12 lessons and companion resources.

NAITCO leveraged the combined state budgets of approximately \$14.5 million with grant funding received from USDA/NIFA and support from Nutrien, Ltd. and CHS Foundation.

With our partners, we can accomplish anything. I look forward to the exciting future all AITC programs have in front of us.

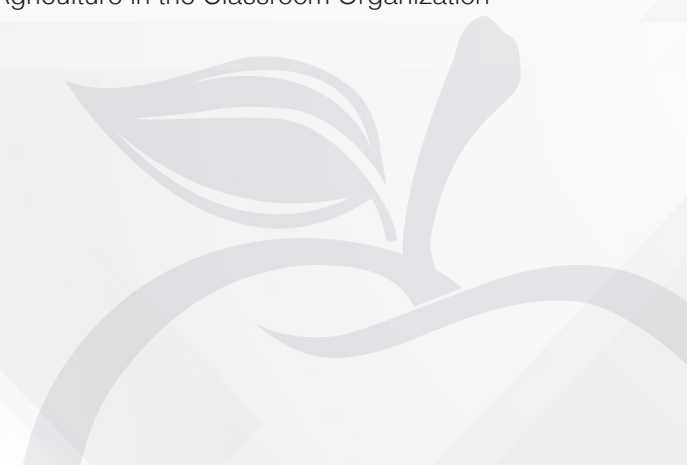
Sincerely,

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Looking Forward



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Executive Director



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NAITCO is excited about the upcoming year with the USDA/ NIFA grant funding approved. New projects to enhance program efforts for state and territory program leaders are in development, more PDAL workshops are planned in multiple states, and new professional development opportunities are being created for program leaders. The NAITCO team provides passion and years of experience in agricultural education and fundraising.

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FIND AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM NEAR YOU

Connect with your local Agriculture in the Classroom program to learn more about professional development opportunities, communicate via social networks, and access resources specific to your area.

By the Numbers

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States and two territories have Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) programs

1,874,653
Students reached in 2022 by Agriculture in the Classroom programs

13,953
Volunteer educators impacted by AIRC state/territory programs in 2022

35,694
preK-12 teachers trained in agricultural literacy by AIRC state/territory programs in 2022

The size and scope of Agriculture in the Classroom State (AIRC) state and territory programs vary widely across the country. The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization provides leadership at the national level to apply for federal grant funding to fund a national website, a searchable database of standards-based lesson plans and resources, a national conference, a national teacher awards program for AIRC state and territory programs, and professional development opportunities for AIRC state and territory programs. In addition, it seeks sponsorships and partnerships with national agribusinesses and organizations with an interest in Pre-K-12 agricultural literacy.