

National Agriculture in the Classroom

2025 Annual Report



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The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NATICO) provides leadership at the national level to apply for federal grant funding to support a national website, a searchable database of standards-based lesson plans and resources, a national conference, a national teacher awards program for AITC state and territory programs, and professional development opportunities for AITC state and territory programs. In addition, NAITCO seeks sponsorships and partnerships with national agribusinesses and organizations with an interest in PreK-12 agricultural literacy.



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

30,000+
Volunteer educators impacted by AITC state/territory programs in 2025

6,900,000 +
Students reached in 2025 by Agriculture in the Classroom programs

56,600+
preK-12 teachers trained in agricultural literacy by AITC state/territory programs in 2025

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Executive Director's Message

In 2025, (NAITCO) continued to provide premier professional development and classroom resources in agricultural literacy to teachers and students across the country. The dedicated program staff, volunteers and enthusiastic educators from around the country have helped propel us along on our mission of increasing agricultural literacy.

We hosted the 2025 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, "Lakes, Land, and Legends", in Minneapolis, Minnesota for more than 567 attendees. At the conference, eight teachers were honored with the 2025 National Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture Award for their innovative ways they use agricultural concepts in their classroom instruction. A virtual version of the conference was provided for 416 attendees in July 2025. Even though our grant funding was limited, NAITCO was still able to provide grant funding to state and territory AITC programs for professional development, capacity building, and programming. We 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 $17.8 million with grant funding received from USDA/NIFA and financial support from valuable sponsors. We are truly grateful for all of our funding partners that help us accomplish our mission.

Together, we are showcasing agricultural opportunities and careers to future generations to have a better understanding of the food and fiber systems relied on every day. I look forward to an exciting future of helping teachers become more comfortable with the subject of agriculture.

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