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AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR NAITCO

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (AFBFA) is once again supporting the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) in 2020 to strengthen agricultural literacy outreach in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classrooms across the country.

The two non-profit organizations promote each other's educational materials and programs to teachers and informal educators because it allows them to leverage their resources.

'American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture supports NAITCO each year because together we can reach even more pre-K-12 educators and students with the message of the importance of agriculture,' said Daniel Meloy, executive director of AFBFA. "It makes sense for us to work together to educate teachers and students about a very important industry."

"National Agriculture in the Classroom and its Agriculture in the Classroom state programs have always worked with the American Farm Bureau Foundation and many state Farm Bureau programs," said Will Fett, president of NAITCO and executive director of the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation. "We're proud to say the partnership between the two national organizations continues to grow and strengthen, which is good for pre-K-12 teachers and students because it provides even more opportunities for them to learn about agriculture in classroom settings."

In addition to promoting each other's educational resources, grant opportunities and educator workshops, NAITCO is proud to honor winners of AFBFA's White-Reinhardt Award at the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference, which this year is called 'Agriculture Elevated' and is scheduled for June 24-26 at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT.

AFBFA helps learners of all ages understand agriculture and the important role it plays in their daily lives. To learn more about AFBFA, please visit <https://www.agfoundation.org/>.

NAITCO's mission is to increase agricultural literacy through pre-K-12 education and it does so with an online, searchable database of lessons and resources called the Curriculum Matrix, a national conference, a national teacher awards program and professional development and support for Agriculture in the Classroom state programs in most of the 50 states including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. To learn more about NAITCO, please visit <https://agclassroom.org/>.

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