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FARM CREDIT SUPPORTS NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING ABOUT AGRICULTURE AWARDS

Farm Credit, lender and financial services provider to farms and rural America, is once again supporting the National Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award this year, which honors K-12 teachers who use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies and other core subjects.

Farm Credit has sponsored the award for several years and continues to do so because it recognizes the importance of showcasing the talents of teachers who understand the importance of educating students about the source of their food, clothing and shelter.

The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) selects eight teacher winners a year – six elementary and two secondary teachers – and honors them at its national conference, which this year is called 'AgVenture in the Natural State' and will be held June 19-21 in Little Rock, AR.

"Farm Credit's commitment to rural communities and agriculture extends to our support of initiatives that build the next generation of agriculture advocates," said president and CEO of the Farm Credit Council Todd Van Hoose. "We are proud to honor the innovative work of these teachers and hold them up as an example to other teachers of how they can educate students about a very important industry."

"The support of sponsors like Farm Credit helps National Agriculture in the Classroom give these teachers the recognition they deserve for using agriculture as the context for the subjects they teach," said Will Fett, president of NAITCO and executive director of Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation. "We appreciate Farm Credit's continued support and look forward to their help in honoring this year's award-winning teachers."

Farm Credit supports rural communities and agriculture with reliable, consistent credit and financial services today and tomorrow. NAITCO increases agricultural literacy through 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 50 states including the District of Columbia.

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