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**IOWA FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS 2021 NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM
CONFERENCE "FIELDS OF DREAMS" IN DES MOINES**

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, a supporter of the state's agriculture industry for the last 100 years, will be a top sponsor of the 2021 National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization's conference "Fields of Dreams" scheduled for June 28-July 1 in Des Moines, Iowa.

The organization's support of the national conference will help defray the cost of the event so more teachers in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade from around the country can attend. In addition, teachers will learn more about the importance of agriculture and Iowa's signature commodities such as corn, pork, soybeans, and cattle, among many others. More than 450 teachers and nonformal educators from around the country are expected to participate in the annual national conference.

"In Iowa, one in five jobs is tied to agriculture, and it takes many people working together to get food, fuel and fiber from the farm to consumers. We are proud to be able to showcase Iowa's agricultural heritage to teachers around the country and provide them with the tools to inspire the next generation of agriculturalists. The strength of our state's family farms come from their innovation, sustainable efforts and building on the traditions of past generations. But it takes a team of leaders to push the future of agriculture forward in Iowa and across the nation," said Craig Hill, president of Iowa Farm Bureau Federation.

"The support of Iowa Farm Bureau highlights the value of partnership between the agriculture industry and education," said Will Fett, Executive Director of Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation, and host of the 2021 national conference. "With the help of the staff and volunteers in the state and county Farm Bureau network, we can reach teachers and students in all corners of Iowa to provide free and accurate educational resources related to agriculture, in turn increasing agriculture literacy for generations to come."

Iowa Farm Bureau was established in 1918 when a group of farmers wanted to better themselves, their families, their industry, and their state. It is a statewide, grassroots farm organization dedicated to creating a vibrant future for agriculture, farm families, and their communities. With 100 offices in 99 Iowa counties (Pottawattamie has two), Iowa Farm Bureau reaches and advocates for all residents of Iowa. To learn more about Iowa Farm Bureau, please visit www.iowafarmbureau.com.

NAITCO's mission is to increase agricultural literacy through pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) through 12th grade education and it does so with an online, searchable database of lessons and resources called the National Agricultural Literacy 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. NAITCO and its AITC member state programs reached 87,000 teachers and 8.2 million students in Pre-K-12 in the U.S. in 2019. To learn more about NAITCO, please visit www.agclassroom.org.

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