



# February Newsletter



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Valentines Day is filled with sweets, but do your students know where their sugar comes from? They may be surprised to learn that 55% of U.S. sugar comes from sugar beets grown in this country.

## Lesson of the Month

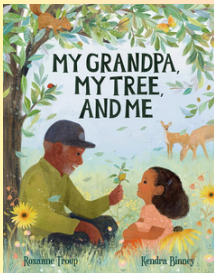
### WHERE DOES YOUR CANDY COME FROM?

Grades K-5

Sugar, chocolate, vanilla, mint: where do all the ingredients of everyone's favorite candy come from? From plants, of course! This lesson teaches children to examine the ingredients of their candy and where those ingredients are grown.



See our accompanying power point presentation: [Where Does Your Candy Come From?](#)



## Library Corner

*My Grandpa, My Tree, and Me*

By Roxanne Troup

Of all the trees in Grandpa's orchard, one tree is his favorite - a pecan tree, planted for his

granddaughter on the day she was born.

This book was just awarded The American Farm Bureau Foundation's 2024 book of the year.

## News of the Month

FREE! K-5 Workshop March 18:

*NJ Farming and Climate Change*  
NJ Ag in the Classroom will kick off our 2024 Ag Week with a free two-hour workshop for K-5 teachers on New Jersey Farming and Climate Change.



Join us on March 18 from 1-3 p.m. at the beautiful Alstede Farm in Chester, Morris County, to learn how climate change is impacting agriculture in the Garden State.

The workshop will include hands-on experiments designed for K-5 students that explain climate change and its impact on NJ farming.

Click [here](#) for more info and to register.

## WHAT DOES AG LOOK LIKE IN YOUR CLASSROOM?

### WIN A FREE BOOK!

NJ teachers: show us what agricultural education looks like in your classroom and win a free ag book! Send us a photo and a brief description of an ag lesson that you teach. We will post your responses on our Facebook page, and all contributors will receive a free ag book. For more details visit us on [Facebook](#). Please send contributions to: [njschoolgarden@gmail.com](mailto:njschoolgarden@gmail.com)

