




Our mission is to increase awareness and understanding of agriculture among New Jersey educators and students. You can learn more on our website newjersey.agclassroom.org
Follow us on 

Spring is here, so it's time to plant cool- season vegetables! These are the veggies you can plant in April and harvest in June before school lets out.

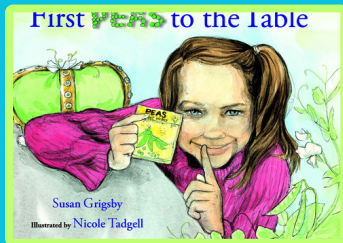
Click here to subscribe to the NJAITC mailing list.

Lessons of the Month

How to Plant a Cool-Season Vegetable Crop

Cool-season vegetables such as leafy greens are great to plant at school, in garden beds or in containers. You can plant them outside now and harvest them in June, giving your students a chance to see the entire growing process from seed to harvest!

Our lesson, for all ages, shows you the complete list of spring veggies and how to plant them.



Library Corner

First Peas to the Table
By Susan Grigsby
This book is one of our spring gardening

favorites for elementary students of all ages. It tells the story of students who copy the annual contest Thomas Jefferson had with his neighbors to see who could grow the first bowl of peas.

We have lessons for grades PreK-2 and 3-5, as well as a STEM challenge to design a trellis for the pea vines.

News of the Month

National Agriculture in the Classroom is offering PreK-12 teachers \$500 grants to be used for materials and resources (including books) from its classroom store to teach about agriculture and use agricultural concepts to teach core subject areas.

April 15 is the deadline to apply for a grant for resources like this classroom aquaponics kit. Find out how to apply [here](#).



National Ag in the Classroom's annual conference is one of the best ways to learn how to teach students of all ages about agriculture. NAITCO is offering a \$2,500 scholarship for pre-service teachers and teachers with less than five years experience to attend its conference this June 24-27 in Salt Lake City.

The deadline to apply is April 15. See more details [here](#).