



# Washington Ag in the Classroom Highlights

**Ag Literacy Project:** We were looking to expand our Ag Literacy program and this year we teamed up with FFA Chapters across the state. We supplied the book Who Grew My Soup, a lesson plan, a reinforcement activity, and the supplies needed to conduct the lesson. FFA leadership students were able to take this lesson and book to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms at their school and leave a copy of the book with the class! We had a positive response, and classrooms also received a copy of these Food/Farm Connection Cards to identify where their food comes from!



Our Ag @ School magazine (targeted at 4<sup>th</sup> graders) continues to be our primary project. Each school year, three FREE issues are mailed to teachers who request subscriptions for their students. The issues focus on a general overview of agriculture, technology, and stewardship; they are supplemented with a teacher's guide aligned to the Washington State Learning Standards. We mailed approximately 12,500 copies of Ag @ School to 305 teachers across Washington State in the fall, winter and also in the spring.

Visit our website at <http://www.waic.net> and explore all the available resources and links. The Agricultural Literacy Curriculum Matrix is a huge database of on-line lesson plans and companion resources. You can search for a grade level or topic area for agricultural lessons reflecting all subject areas for grades K-12<sup>th</sup>. We used this and our Facebook page to communicate to educators the on-line, interactive resources that were available.

WAIC partners with various organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Granges, County Farm Bureaus, Washington State University Extension, and other government agencies to provide accurate agriculture and food facts for their various projects, farm fairs, publications, and educational experiences. We have attended Farm Fairs around the state to teach lessons about agriculture and provide ag literacy curriculum.



We continue to promote Journey 2050, which is an on-line agriculture experience for students to meet the challenge of sustainably feeding the growing world population. This is a program for educators and targeted for grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> and more information is available on our website.

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