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Julie Cates
Outstanding Educator
2015- 2016

1. Teacher Feature: Julie Cates

Teaches: 6th grade

School: Linwood Elementary School

Visalia Unified School District

Julie Cates was selected as Agriculture in the Classroom's 2015-2016 Outstanding Educator of the year. She's a passionate and enthusiastic first-year



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DID YOU KNOW?!

California is responsible for producing 99% of olive oil in the United States.

teacher, but she's not new to Agriculture in the Classroom. Follow Julie on Twitter and tweet along with #FindYourFavoriteFridays!
https://twitter.com/cates_julie

What is #FindYourFavoriteFridays?

Every Friday, I bring a new or different fruit or vegetable in for my students to try. We collect stats that we will use when we learn statistics. I post my endeavors on Twitter to promote how easily teachers can accomplish curricular integration.

What inspired your #FindYourFavoriteFridays project?

As a former Nutrition Educator for the University of California Cooperative Extension, I have made nutrition and ag education my passions. I am now a sixth-grade teacher and am constantly looking for ways to integrate these into my lesson plans. I have teamed with @TheProduceMom (<https://twitter.com/theproducemom>) to promote the #ProduceChallenge and the positive consumption of fruits and vegetables.

2. Seed Survivor Mobile - CA Tour

Seed Survivor Mobile display will be making its way across the state, starting in Northern California (November 16 - January 15), visiting students in grades K-6. This FREE educational display still has time for more Northern California school visits:

- November 17 - 20: Yolo, Sutter and Yuba
- November 23 - 24: Yolo
- November 30 - December 4: Sacramento, Monterey and Sonoma
- December 7 - 11: Sacramento and Elk Grove
- December 14 - 18: Sacramento/Placer
- January 4 - 8: San Joaquin
- January 11 - 15: Modesto

The registration form is available on the Seed Survivor [website](#). Register online when the display is in an area near you! We hope to visit your school soon! Email caseedsurvivor@gmail.com if you have any questions.

For schools in Central and Southern California, stay tuned for your chance to register.

Central California Tour: January 18 - February 29, 2016

Southern California Tour: March 1 - March 31, 2016

3. 2015 California Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher Conference

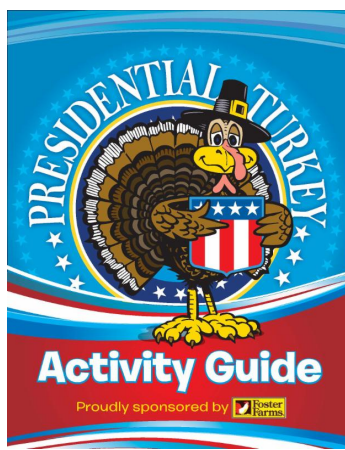
Teachers had a great time networking and gathering resources and inspiration on The Queen Mary! Check out the photos by exploring our [Facebook page](#).



4. New Learn About Ag... Beef page!

Explore a wide collection of beef lesson plans and materials on our Learn About Beef [page](#). These resources include Bon á La Beef, a set of four video clips featuring elementary through high school students preparing recipes to educate students, teachers and the public about beef, its nutritional value, and its proper handling and preparation. The student-developed recipes use easy techniques and readily available ingredients. Each of the four cooking video clips are paired with educational lesson plans for students in grades 3-5, 6-8, or 9-12.

5. Presidential Turkey Activity Guide



Just in time for Thanksgiving, the [four-page guide](#) introduces students to the history of our nation's Presidential Turkey tradition and engages them with activities. California's own Foster Farms is raising this year's Presidential Turkey!

6. Statewide Workshops and Events

LifeLab Workshops, UC Santa Cruz

- **Next Generation Science in the Garden**
 - Wednesday, November 18
- Register for these events and other LifeLab workshops at www.lifelab.org.

Plan a [Virtual Field Trip](#) to Longwood Gardens!

- K-12 grade, 30-45 minute programs
- Offered Tuesday-Friday, September-June



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