



# Cream of the Crop

A harvest of ideas for educators

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California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

## Fantastic Ag Fact:

Blueberries were picked and sent to Union troops as a food staple during the Civil War!



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May is National Beef Month! Follow us on social media to learn about our wide variety of beef resources... all FREE to educators! [LearnAboutAg.org/CAbeef](http://LearnAboutAg.org/CAbeef)



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## Registration now open! California Ag in the Classroom Conference



September 27-29, 2018  
Renaissance Hotel - Marriott

## Palm Springs, CA

### [LearnAboutAg.org/Conference](http://LearnAboutAg.org/Conference)

Registration is now open! Sign up to attend, do a Make 'n' Take, or be an exhibitor. Information on workshops and tours coming SOON!

#### Teacher Feature

##### **Christine Torosian-Klistoff**

Agriculture Teacher  
Kindergarten - 8 th Grade  
Sanger, CA  
[FairmontElementaryFarm.com](http://FairmontElementaryFarm.com)

##### **Check Out The Video Online**

This month we are doing something different! Check out our interview by clicking on the video or going to our YouTube Channel! You can find more videos about our program at [YouTube.com/LearnAboutAg!](http://YouTube.com/LearnAboutAg!)



#### Featured Resource

### **LearnAboutAg<sup>®</sup> ... Beef!**



California is one of the nation's greatest beef-producing states, and beef is one of the state's most valuable agricultural commodities. Cattle have played a critical role in our state's history, and they continue to be a part of the California landscape and culture. Explore the resources on this page to learn all the ways California beef contributes to our daily lives.

[\*\*View and Order Resource Online!\*\*](#)

#### Grant Feature

**Look at Agriculture... Organically!  
Grant Application Closing Soon!**



The 'Look at Agriculture... Organically!' grants are designed to creatively enhance the understanding of organic agriculture for kindergarten through eighth grade students. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be provided educators nationwide. These grants are made possible by a partnership California Certified Organic Farmers and California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

Deadline: **May 15, 2018**

[Apply Online!](#)

## More Ways to LearnAboutAg®

### **Education and Agriculture Together (EAT) Foundation**

The EAT Foundation offers a variety of Continuing Education (CE) Classes which combine hand-on Workshops, Seminars, and Tours in the field of Agriculture. Our courses are offered in 1, 2 & 3 day Sessions and take place at various locations and times of the year. Find out more [here!](#)

### **Mobile Dairy Classroom**

Bring agriculture to your school with the Mobile Dairy Classroom! Our assembly teaches how milk and dairy foods are produced and how they contribute to healthy eating. When you combine the Mobile Dairy Classroom with our Common Core aligned nutrition lesson plans, your students learn the full story of healthy foods - from the farm to the table - and how they can make healthy choices for themselves. Find out more [here!](#)

### **Farm Academy Live**

Farm Academy Live offers classrooms virtual field trips to farms using interactive video conference technology. Trusted by teachers since 2009, 100,000 students across 33 states and four countries have benefited from this program. This 40-minute virtual tour of a farm teaches plant and animal science in line with national science standards. The experience is enhanced by offering students the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities like ginning cotton by hand and mixing a feed ration for a dairy cow. Find out more [here!](#)

## Community Events

### **For Educators**

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
<p><b><u>Professional Development Workshops for Educators</u></b>            Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is offering FREE workshops to teachers. Learn how to bring energy education into your classroom. Materials and meals provided!</p>	Sacramento, CA	Spring 2018
<p><b><u>Life Lab Workshops</u></b>            Life Lab has trained tens of thousands of educators across the nation! Sign up today for one of their many</p>	Santa Cruz, CA	Spring 2018

workshops this spring!		
<p><b><u>EAT Foundation Classes</u></b>  The EAT Foundation offers a variety of Continuing Education (CE) Classes which combine hands-on Workshops, Seminars, and Tours in the field of Agriculture. Courses are offered in 1, 2 &amp; 3 day Sessions and take place at various locations and times of the year.</p>	Hanford, CA	Summer 2018

## For Youth

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
<p><b><u>Hilmar Cheese Company School and Youth Tours</u></b>  Join us for the most fun and educational field trip in the Central Valley! Free for all public schools, private schools and home schools associated with a school district. Organized and led by trained tour guides, safe and fully accessible. All students receive free cheese samples, a hairnet, Daisy's Dairy "ABCs" and a souvenir pencil.</p>	Hilmar, CA	Year-Round
<p><b><u>AgVentures! Learning Center</u></b>  Tours of the Learning Center are available year-round for elementary school students. Cost is \$3 per student.</p>	Tulare, CA	Year-Round



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