



Cream of the Crop

A harvest of ideas for educators

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California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Fantastic Ag Fact:

A medium pear provides 16 percent of the daily requirement for dietary fiber.



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Judy Culbertson, Julies Cates, Sheila Amaral and Lisa Liss representing California Ag in the Classroom at the National Conference this past month in Portland, Maine.



Registration now open!

California Ag in the Classroom Conference



**September 27-29, 2018
Renaissance Hotel - Marriott
Palm Springs, CA**

[LearnAboutAg.org/Conference](#)

General registration: \$265
(includes all meals, resources and farm tours)

Sign up to attend, present a Make 'n' Take*, host a Taste of CA Dinner table or be an exhibitor!

**\$50 stipend available for all Make 'n' Take presenters*

 **Teacher Feature**

Gene Lieb

High School Agriculture Teacher
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1. How do you incorporate Ag in the Classroom materials in your classroom?

The members of the Firebaugh FFA have the benefit of using the resources provided through Ag in the Classroom for Ag Awareness Day. My students present a lesson to the youth attending. It helps engage the students in agriculture and allows them to see areas they need to refine to be ready to educate the youth about agriculture.

2. How many years have you been teaching agriculture in your classroom?

Agricultural education has been infused in my teaching for the past five years. One of my favorite projects is our Ag Awareness Day. This project has been happening for over 20 years in Firebaugh. The importance of this day is to ensure my high school students teach younger grades, preschool through fifth, about the importance of agriculture. This experience allows them to be budding agriculturalists.

3. What advice would you have for new teachers trying to

incorporate agriculture in their classrooms?

Start small! Find a few lessons that can be incorporated into one part of your curriculum and then build. It will not happen overnight, but purposeful lesson placement will allow you to be successful in time.

Featured Resource

NEW: Blueberry Fact Sheet



Learn all about blueberries! We have created this new Agricultural Fact and Activity Sheet to teach all you need to know about blueberries. [Download now](#) and start learning how they get from farm to you!

Grant Feature

Educational Garden Design Grants



The California Native Garden Foundation (CNGF) is pleased to make available native garden design grants to schools, colleges, museums, and other public spaces and non-profit organizations across California.

Deadline: Rolling Deadline
[Apply Online!](#)

See other grant opportunities at
[LearnAboutAg.org](#).

More Ways to LearnAboutAg[®]

Food and Farm Facts

Developed by the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, Food and Farm Facts features food in America, how it is grown and who produces it. The booklet contains color photographs and infographic style illustrations. [Get the book 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 about this FREE resource [here!](#)

Community Events

For Educators

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
<p>Making Science Make Sense As a champion for science education at your school and in your classroom, we know you already understand the importance of introducing your students to STEM fields at a young age. Join us this summer for a day of science excitement at Bayer</p>	West Sacramento, CA	July 14, 2018
<p>Kern County's Teacher Ag Seminar Bring agriculture into your classroom! Your opportunity to learn from hands-on experiences with local farmers and ranchers.</p>	Bakersfield, CA	July 16-18, 2018
<p>SMUD Workshops Make STEAM education come alive for your students with free, professional workshops that include hands-on activities and materials. K-12 teachers and students will be inspired and motivated to learn from a variety of resources including workshops, games and activities, printed materials and virtual field trips.</p>	Sacramento, CA	Year-Round (including summer)
<p>EAT Foundation Classes 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 & 3 day Sessions and take place at various locations and times of the year.</p>	Hanford, CA	Summer 2018
<p>Farm to Table 20 Mile Taste Join El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom in August for 20 Mile Taste! This spectacular event has sold out since its inception and is a celebration of El</p>	Placerville, CA	August 11, 2018

Dorado County's bounty showcasing local produce prepared by local chefs and paired with local vintner's wines. In addition to the locally sourced tastes the event will feature a raffle, live auction, and adult farm day fun.		
<u>Teacher Almond Day</u> This is an exciting opportunity for teachers to learn about Yolo County's almond industry! Join the Yolo County Farm Bureau, Woodland Community College, and California Foundation for Ag in the Classroom for an overview of the production of almonds, tours and FREE resources for your classroom!	Teacher Almond Day	September 8, 2018
<u>CA Ag in the Classroom Conference</u> Join us in beautiful Palm Springs for the 2018 Agriculture in the Classroom Conference! Open to educators (formal and informal) who want to LearnAboutAg! Come find new and exciting ways to bring food, fiber, forests, flowers, and fuel into your learning environment. Registration is now open!	Palm Springs, CA	September 27-29, 2018

For Youth

Event Name and Description	Event Location	Event Date
<u>Agricultural Learning and Leadership STEAM-Powered Summer Camps</u> This week-long day camp sponsored by San Joaquin County Farm Bureau gives you the chance to see technology in use, with field trips to local farms using high-tech solutions to modern agricultural problems. Then, you get to play, design, build, and control your own versions of the tech-inaction!	Stockton, CA	July 2018
<u>'The Farm' at the California State Fair</u> Visit the 3.5 acres celebrating the importance of agriculture and food production in California. Learn about more than 70 crops grown in California, taste local culinary delights prepared by chefs at our outdoor kitchen grill, and learn about fish farming by visiting our aquaculture display.	Sacramento, CA	July 13-29, 2018
<u>Life Lab Summer Camp</u> Life Lab is pleased to offer summer day camp programs for children ages 4-14, at the Life Lab Garden Classroom on the UCSC Organic Farm.	Santa Cruz, CA	End of July - August
<u>Tahoe Farm Day</u> Farm Days are fun, hands-on field trips where lessons of agriculture and its role in our everyday lives, our county, and its economy are taught in the context of local farms, ranches, forests, and watersheds. Registration is available to all 3rd grade classes in El Dorado County.	South Lake Tahoe, CA	September 11, 2018
<u>Hilmar Cheese Company School and Youth Tours</u> Join us for the most fun and educational field trip in the Central Valley! Free for all public, private 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.	Hilmar, CA	Year-Round

AgVentures! Learning Center

Tours of the Learning Center are available year-round for elementary school students. Cost is \$3 per student.

Tulare, CA

Year-Round



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