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Agriculture in the Classroom

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Sweet Summertime

Happy June and Happy Summer!

I hope you all get the opportunity to rest, relax and recharge. This past school year has been hard and you deserve to do the things that make you happy.

When you are ready to start thinking about the new school year, we are here to help! We would love to meet up and talk about how our free programming can work into your curriculum, resources we offer, or how agricultural literacy can be implemented in your school and classroom. Agriculture in the Classroom shouldn't feel like something else to add to your plate. We are a FREE tool to help connect standards to real-world examples.

Thanks again for all you do! I tell people all the time that I have the best job ever because I get to work with such dedicated teachers, wonderful, polite students, and awesome schools! I wish you all a wonderful summer and can't wait to connect with you soon.

Sincerely,
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June Featured Resources

Click on the resource to go directly there!

Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation

- [My Family's Dairy Farm \(Book\)](#)
- [Dairy Careers From Farm to Fridge \(3rd-5th\)](#)

National Agriculture in the Classroom

- [Biotech Cheese Kit \(6th-12th\)](#)
- [Understanding MyPlate \(K-8th\)](#)



Follow us on Facebook at Dubuque County Farm Bureau Education Outreach to stay up to date on grants, contests, resources and more!

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TEACHERS WAKING UP ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF SUMMER BREAK LIKE...



Summer Professional Development Opportunities

Registration is still open for Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation's two-day professional development workshops. The summer workshops are fast-paced professional development that will give teachers, extension personnel, and others who educate youth the skills they need to implement many of the new Iowa Core science and social studies standards. Using agriculture as the context to teach standards, course participants will integrate agriculture into science, social studies, language arts and math to make learning real and relevant for students. Participants will leave the workshop with instructional strategies, lessons, and activities that can be immediately implemented into their classroom with little or no additional effort. Student engagement and impact will be high with hands-on learning.

The two-day in-person workshop is free to attend and includes on-site tours, hands-on activities, resource materials, lunches, and more! One licensure renewal credit is available from AEA for \$35. One graduate credit is available through Drake University, Grandview University, and Morningside College for \$130.

For more information and how to register please go to <https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/tools-resources/general/professional-development>.

2022 Teacher Professional Development Workshops

Map of Iowa showing workshop locations marked with black circles. Locations include Des Moines, Waterloo, and several smaller towns in the western and southern parts of the state. The map is framed by a yellow pencil graphic on the left and right sides.

We Would Appreciate Your Feedback :)

As we wrap up our program year, we want to hear from you!

Your feedback helps guide our programming for the next year and make sure we put our focus on the programs, lessons, and materials that are the most valuable to you.

You can complete the anonymous, 3 minute survey by going to <https://forms.gle/gqBLAvx5zJgM4Z7UA>.

Thank you very much for taking the time to help us better serve our county.

FEEDBACK FEEDBACK

LET'S CONNECT THIS SUMMER!

We would love to meet up for coffee,
lunch, or just to chat about
implementing agricultural literacy into
your classroom and curriculum!

Contact Education Outreach
Coordinator Rachel Ambrosy at
rachel.ambrosy@ifbf.org today!





Agriculture in the Classroom Resources

- **FarmChat:** Bring the farm to the classroom! Using technology such as Skype, Google Hangouts, and Face Time, take a virtual field trip of a modern farm or other agriculture business without having to worry about weather and transportation.
- **Teacher Supplement Grants:** The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation offers grants up to \$200 to support the integration of agriculture into regular classroom instruction or after school programs with an academic focus. Agriculture in the Classroom Teacher Supplement Grants are designed to initiate new projects or expand existing projects that promote agriculture literacy. Grants can be used to fund innovative lessons, activities, classroom resources, guest speakers, outreach programs, field trips and other projects. Applications are available in the fall.
- **Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation:** Looking for some great hands-on lessons? Books? Kits? Then Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation is the answer. Their lessons are tied into the Iowa CORE and they have an expansive lending library of DVDs, books and kits that are available for check-out. They also offer links to grants and other publications. Check them out at www.iowaagliteracy.org
- **National Agriculture in the Classroom:** This site offers a MASSIVE collection of lesson plans, multimedia links, book recommendations, and activities that you can adapt for your classroom. You can find them at www.agclassroom.org
- **Classroom Visits:** We would love to come in and do an interactive lesson with your students. All visits are **FREE** of cost to you and your school. We have volunteers who enjoy coming in and teaching real-life applications of what they are learning in the classroom. We can create lessons to correlate what students are learning in the classroom as well.
- **Website:** Your go-to source for links, upcoming events, information and much more! Find us at <https://dubuqueaitc.weebly.com/>

***Want more information? Contact Education Outreach
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We are here as a tool to serve you anyway we can. We are available to all grade levels & subject areas for schools in Dubuque County.