

Dubuque County Education Outreach Newsletter



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Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a great week back with your students and are getting into the routine for the new school year. I know that I have seen many smiling faces of students returning to school and it makes my heart happy!

I already have a few classroom visits scheduled and look forward to getting back into our area classrooms. If your school is not allowing visitors at this time, please know that virtual is always an option too.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do to make your job just a little bit easier. Wishing you all the best for the school year ahead and I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Sincerely,

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**Schedule your
in-person or
virtual visit
today!**

SEPTEMBER FEATURED RESOURCES

Click on the name of the resource to go directly there!

Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation

- [A Day As a Farmer \(K-2nd\)](#)
- [Beginnings of Agriculture \(6th-8th\)](#)

National Agriculture in the Classroom

- [Farming for Energy \(3rd-5th\)](#)
- [Silky Genes \(9th-12th\)](#)



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to date on grants,
opportunities,
and more!**

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CHS FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The CHS Foundation along with the National Agriculture in the Classroom organization is offering teachers the chance to earn \$500 for their classroom to implement agricultural literacy projects in their classroom. This grant is open to all teachers PK-12th grade and all subject areas.

Projects funded in the past include school gardens, embryology projects, and other initiatives that help teachers use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies and more. Fifteen \$500 grants will be awarded. Apply by Sept. 15: <http://ow.ly/thm450FzOR6> . You can find examples of previously funded projects by going to <http://ow.ly/G1tm50FzOR7>.



CLASSROOM VISIT SCHEDULER AVAILABLE

Teachers, as you begin the planning process, keep us in mind! Feel free to schedule monthly or bi-weekly in-person visits now OR you can sign up to receive a monthly email with a lesson and video each month. You can sign-up by going to <https://forms.gle/DzkseqDneXBBis1E7>. Of course, we would still love to visit you and your students when you request as well!

**Want to schedule your Agriculture
in the Classroom visits now?**

You can do that!

**Schedule your monthly or bi-weekly visits
by going to**

<https://forms.gle/DzkseqDneXBBis1E7>

**NEW this year...you can request a
monthly lesson and materials sent to your
email! Each month will have a different
theme. Lessons and visits will begin in
September.**



PARTICIPATE IN THE 2021 GOBBLE UP! TURKEY MARKETING COMPETITION

Registration is now open for the 2021 Gobble Up! Turkey Marketing Competition. This yearly contest presented by the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation and the Iowa Turkey Federation. Students will work as a group to develop a marketing and nutrition plan for a turkey-centric product or recipe. There are three divisions: 3rd-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades.

Gobble Up! Turkey Marketing Competition is an exciting cross-curricular program for elementary, middle, and high school students to engage with and understand turkey production. This experiential learning contest will allow your students to creatively develop a marketing strategy for a product of their choice, while learning about the multitude of agricultural careers and skills it takes to develop and sell a product. Students will also be learning about the turkey production industry and turkey nutrition as a result of participation.



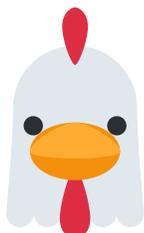
To learn more about the competition, find Iowa Core Standard Connections, examples of past winners, and to register, please go to <https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/Tools-Resources/General/For-Students>. Registration is due by October 25 with final products due November 1. Education Outreach Coordinator Rachel Ambrosy would gladly work with you and your students to help learn more about turkeys, turkey products, and nutrition. Contact her today!

SEPTEMBER IS A GREAT MONTH TO CELEBRATE & INCORPORATE AGRICULTURE

September offers us so many fun, agricultural themed holidays to celebrate! These include:

- National Chicken Month
- National Honey Month
- National Farm Safety & Health Week (September 19-25th)

If you would like to schedule a visit or would like lessons or activities associated with these national holidays, please contact Education Outreach Coordinator Rachel Ambrosy at Rachel.Ambrosy@ifbf.org.



This online course explores the various representations of agriculture through multiple pieces of literature. Through videos, readings, and discussion forums educators will learn how agriculture has changed throughout the decades and how those changes are represented in written media. The course aims to provide educators with tools to link the writing process to Iowa Core standards. Educators will engage in activities to gather resources to help their students think critically as they analyze representations of agriculture.



This professional development course will also introduce educators to agriculture and cross-curricular lessons that are aligned to K-12 Iowa Core Standards. Using agriculture as the context for learning, participants will create a unit outline that is relevant to the grade and subjects they teach. Participants will leave the course with instructional strategies, lessons, and activities that can be immediately implemented into their classroom.

This is a one-credit course that requires a minimum of 15 hours online, plus an additional 30 hours of reading, research/discovery, and curriculum development.

Graduate credit is available through Drake University or Morningside College for \$130. Licensure renewal credit is available from AEA for \$35. Registration can be done online by creating an account in the Professional Learning Registration System. Once an account is created (which could take up to 24 hours), login and search for the course number 201969. Then follow the links to register for the course.





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 Coordinator Rachel Ambrosy at Rachel.Ambrosy@ifbf.org.

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.