

# Farm Bureau® Education

## Ag in the Classroom

Ag in the Classroom is a program coordinated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help students in grades PreK-12 understand the importance of agriculture.

Ag in the Classroom is coordinated by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, with a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. The program networks with other ag organizations and businesses.

Ag in the Classroom incorporates resources into existing curricula, emphasizing history, geography, technology, economics, and careers in agriculture.

### Volunteer Network

Wisconsin's Ag in the Classroom program utilizes a network of local volunteers across the state who work with schools to introduce the program, help arrange farm tours, and provide classroom presentations.

### Lesson Plans and Hands-on Activities

Lesson plans and hands-on activities are available for all grade levels on a variety of subjects and commodities. Lessons are correlated to Wisconsin Model Academic Standards in social studies, math, English and science.

### Ag in the Classroom Websites:

Visit the Wisconsin site



[www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org)

Visit the USDA site



[www.agclassroom.org](http://www.agclassroom.org)



### Website

[www.wisagclassroom.org](http://www.wisagclassroom.org)

The Ag in the Classroom web site is an archive of resources for teachers, students and volunteers. The website also has links to educational resources, downloadable applications and county contact information.

### Online Resource Guide

This online directory provides information about Wisconsin agriculture, a list of volunteers, and resource materials available for classroom use.

### Soybean Science Kits

Kits containing curriculum and teaching supplies for 21 lesson connecting agriculture and science are funded by the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board.

### Wisconsin Farm Facts

These brochures contain statistical and economic information about Wisconsin's ag industry.

### Ag Mags

This is a visually exciting, four-color tabloid designed to educate students in elementary grades. Topics include dairy, pizza, beef, careers, biotechnology, and soybeans.

### Children's Library Books

This selection of children's books provides readers an accurate, up-to date portrayal of modern agriculture. Each year a new "Book of the Year" is chosen for the program.

### Essay Contest

This annual contest provides fourth and fifth grade students an opportunity to learn about a selected topic, research information and then write an essay.

### Teacher Training

Various teacher training opportunities are offered to explore ways to incorporate agriculture into their classes. In-services and graduate options are available.

### Grants

Matching grants are offered to groups for projects that promote ag literacy. Teacher mini-grants are offered to teachers to develop ag literacy curriculum and activities.

### Outstanding Teacher Award

This award recognizes teachers for their achievements in teaching students the importance of agriculture.

### [www.agclassroom.org](http://www.agclassroom.org)

The national Ag in the Classroom web-site hosted by the USDA offers teachers and students additional lesson plans, a national resource directory, state profiles and other resources.



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