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Fennimore Educator Recognized for Agricultural Literacy Work

MADISON – Brenda Bunn, a kindergarten teacher at Fennimore Elementary School, is the recipient of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Each year the Wisconsin Farm Bureau recognizes a teacher for their efforts in educating students on the importance of agriculture. Teachers of all grade levels and subject areas, with the exclusion of certified agriculture education instructors, are eligible to apply for the award.

“Brenda and fellow staff members, Rebecca Timmerman and Pamela Waltz, have developed an outstanding series of units that cover safety, sunflowers, pumpkins, plants, food, bees and other agricultural topics,” said Darlene Arneson, Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Coordinator.

In these agriculture units, the teachers utilize Grant County Farm Bureau resource kits which include activities, books and lesson plans.

Bunn received her B.A. in elementary education from the University of Northern Iowa, reading teacher certification from University of Wisconsin–Platteville and early childhood certification from Cardinal Stritch University. She has taught in Florissant, Missouri and Boscobel before coming to Fennimore in 2007.

Bunn will be Wisconsin's nominee for the National Excellence in Teaching Agriculture Award and will receive a cash award. A presentation was made to Fennimore's three kindergarten classes acknowledging the teachers' team effort and Bunn's recognition.

For more information on the Ag in the Classroom's Outstanding Teacher Award, contact Darlene Arneson at 608.828.5719.

[Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom](#) program provides teachers and students K-12 with an understanding of how their food is produced. The program seeks to work within existing curricula to provide basic information on our nation's largest industry:

Agriculture. Wisconsin's Ag in the Classroom program is carried out by a network of local educators, volunteers and representatives from agricultural organizations and businesses. The goal of the program is to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society, so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies.

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