



**Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom
National Ag Day Reading Event
March 14, 2019
#WiReadsAg2019**

Celebrate National Ag Day on March 14, 2019, by joining farmers, volunteers, teachers, FFA and 4-H members, college students, agri-business employees and others by reading books about agriculture to students, home school families, nursing home residents, day cares and others.

What is National Ag Day? A day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Each year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and others across America join to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

Who can participate? Anyone who has an interest in agriculture, enjoys reading, working with youth and has time on **Thursday, March 14**, to read, visit and do an activity with an audience.

How to get involved

1. Identify a group that you want to read to. It can be in a classroom at a local school, a daycare, 4-H club, nursing home, home school group, a civic club meeting or anywhere that people are interested in learning about agriculture.
2. Pick a book that you want to read. The recommended book is the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom's Book of the Year: *Fresh Picked Poetry* by Michelle Schaub. The book is available from the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom program. There are activities, background information and talking points available. Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom also has other books available or you may have a favorite book that you want to share. Make sure the book accurately portrays agriculture, today's farms and is an appropriate age-level and length for the group that you will read to.
3. Have an activity to go along with the book or use the 2019 Ag Day Contest project. If you use *Fresh Picked Poetry*, Ag in the Classroom has an educator's guide that comes with the book that has talking points, activities and recipes. You also may want to incorporate other hands-on activities, snacks or lessons into this presentation.
4. Once you have a plan, finalize the date, time and location for your visit. If the school or venue has any restrictions (i.e., food allergies, photos or security), be sure to know about them and follow their rules. After the visit, send the report form to Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom so that we can tabulate the outreach of this activity. **Please return the report by March 31.**
5. Be sure to use **#WiReadsAg2019** on social media to talk about National Ag Day and your reading activity.

For More Information

Please contact Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom at 608.828.5644 or darneson@wbf.com, or visit wisagclassroom.org.