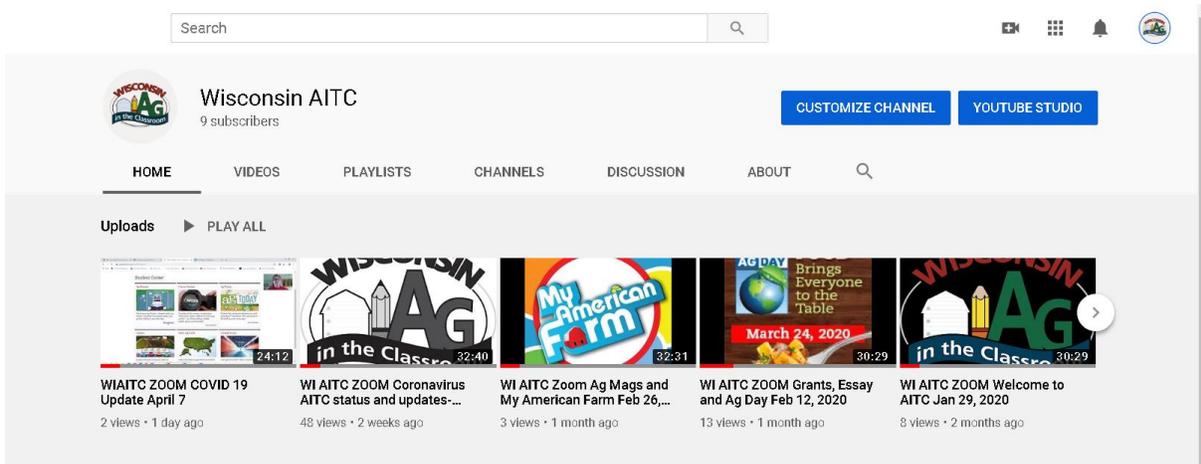




July 2020
Ag in the Classroom Newsletter for
our Ag in the Classroom Teachers
and Home School Parents!

Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Training Tuesdays

Each Tuesday we are posting a new video on the Wisconsin AITC YouTube channel featuring an educational resource. These are to help replace items that we'd be covering in our summer AITC trainings. You can go back to the channel at any time to view the videos.



Currently the schedule is

Post on	Topic
June 2, 2020	Overview of what AITC offers
June 9, 2020	FFA Officer Training
June 16, 2020	AFBFA resources
June 23, 2020	NAITC resources
June 30, 2020	My American Farm
July 7, 2020	WI Lesson plans
July 14, 2020	Soybean Science Kits
July 21, 2020	Volunteers and AITC
July 28, 2020	Journey 2050
August 4, 2020	Career resources
August 11, 2020	WI AITC Educational books
August 18, 2020	Book of the Year
August 25, 2020	Essay Contest



Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom Back-to-School Kick-Off

**Saturday, August 22, 2020 | Lunch & Meeting from 10 a.m. - 12 noon
Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center - 7001 Gass Lake Rd, Manitowoc**

Let's kick-off the school year with an Ag in the Classroom tour, lunch and informational meeting! Begin and end the day (based on your arrival and departure time) viewing the exhibits at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center, and then join Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom for update and lunch on 2020-21 activities! Due to COVID-19 and restrictions, farm tours are not currently available and other changes will be communicated to participants. The center is open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Ag in the Classroom lunch and program will run from 10 a.m. – 12 noon in a separate area. We'll cover the 2020-21 school year calendar, introduce the new Book of the Year and essay contest, grants, highlight new resources, tour the websites and discuss your needs for the school year. Afterwards, you can tour the FWDC and watch the farm tour videos.

We welcome Ag in the Classroom volunteers, Promotion and Education members, YFA members, classroom teachers, home school parents, 4-H and extension staff and volunteers and others involved in agricultural literacy to participate. Visit <https://farmwisconsin.org/> to learn more about the center.

The registration fee for the Ag in the Classroom section and tour is **\$25 per person**- this includes the admission to the center and lunch. If others want to join you for the trip but don't want to participate in the Ag in the Classroom lunch and program, they can pay the **\$5 per person** group fee (only if they register when you do) and have lunch on their own in the café. The \$5 per person must be done in advance- not that day. Registration materials can be found at wisagclassroom.org. For more information, contact Darlene Arneson at darneson@wbf.com or 608.828.5644. Payment (cash or check) must accompany the registration form that is due August 1.

Ag in the Classroom Back to School Kick-Off- August 22, 2020

Contact Person _____ County _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Are you a _____ AITC volunteer _____ teacher _____ P & E _____ YFA _____ Other _____

Names of those for the AITC lunch and program (\$25 each) _____

Names of those for admission only (\$5 each) _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation Cash is also accepted.

Send order to: Wisconsin Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705-0550

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Getting ready for Back to School- whatever that will look like!

Even though we aren't sure what the school year will look like, we do have some opportunities that continue to be offered:

Teacher Mini-Grants Available

Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Ag in the Classroom program is offering mini-grants of up to \$100 to fund projects that promote agricultural literacy. Grants can be used for innovative lessons, activities, resources, presentations, school fairs and other creative ideas. The proposed project must be targeted to grades pre-K through 12 and should enhance student knowledge of the importance of agriculture. Preference will be given to projects that use funds toward an ongoing, sustainable education effort, events designed to reach large groups of students or those that involve innovative approaches to promoting agricultural literacy. If you were awarded a Teacher Mini-Grant in fall 2019 and weren't able to complete the project due to COVID-19, you cannot submit the same project. You can submit another activity or project instead.

Applications are evaluated on quality and uniqueness of the project, integration of agriculture into a variety of curriculum areas, alignment with educational standards, assessment methods used to evaluate students' knowledge and quality of the submission. A selection committee will review all funding requests that are postmarked by October 15. Applications can be downloaded from wisagclassroom.org under the grants section of the teachers tab. Five signed copies of the application must be submitted

Outstanding Teacher Award Applications Available

Certified teachers currently integrating agricultural concepts into non-agricultural curricula in the pre-K through high school levels are eligible to apply. Applications may be from an individual teacher or a teaching team. Previous state winners and certified agricultural education instructors are not eligible. Teachers must utilize agricultural information or materials within the classroom curriculum in an effort to assist students in learning the importance of agriculture. Learning activities may include, but are not limited to, understanding agriculture's impact on personal lives, our national heritage, the environment or the economy. Innovative and interdisciplinary programs are encouraged.

The state winner(s) will receive a plaque and \$500 to be used for educational resources or towards attending the 2021 National Ag in the Classroom Conference in Des Moines, IA. The winner(s) will also represent Wisconsin as the state's nominee for the Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture Award Program presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Ag in the Classroom program. For the application, visit the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website. Applicants should download the form, complete the information and return four copies to Wisconsin Farm Bureau, PO Box 5550, Madison, WI 53705. The application must be postmarked by October 15.

AFBFA White-Reinhardt Applications Available for 2021 National AITC Conference

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is offering White-Reinhardt Scholarship opportunities to the 2021 National Ag in the Classroom Conference for full time educators and/or volunteers that actively participate in classroom ag literacy programs or events are now available. This scholarship program is to provide travel expense funds to attend the national conference and then use the information gained to expand their outreach to students regarding food, fiber and fuel. The conference draws over 400 teachers, volunteers and people involved in agricultural literacy and offers workshops, tours, speakers and hands-on learning opportunities. Online applications must be

submitted by October 15. More information and the registration link can be found at <https://www.agfoundation.org/projects/ag-scholarships>.

What's new on the Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom website?

- Hands-On Activities Book 2
- STEAM Cranberry Lessons
- Fun Faces- Christmas Tree Lessons
- ABC's and 1-2-3's of Wisconsin Agriculture- coming soon!
- Lessons for the new Book of the Year- coming in September!
- Lessons for the 4-5th Grade Essay Contest- coming in September!

What's new on our Facebook page?

- Where are we going today with Wisconsin Ag in the Classroom?
- Training Tuesday's – training and resource videos

Livestock Lessons

Youth sought to showcase their 'Livestock Lessons'-

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/livestock-lessons/>

Livestock Lessons 2020 is a new animal science experience for Wisconsin youth. Giving a Livestock Lesson is an opportunity for you to share your learning with others and to teach others about animal sciences. The potential topics for your lessons are endless! No matter what topic you choose, remember that the most impactful presentations are both accurate and engaging. Be creative, be funny, be serious, just be you! Think about something you have learned in your animal science project or something that you enjoy doing and prepare to share it. Wisconsin Livestock Lessons involve two ways for youth to communicate in both written and oral ways. Youth have the opportunity to deliver an oral video presentation on an animal science topic of your choice and/or a written Public Service Announcement (PSA).

Livestock Lessons 2020 are open to all members who are in the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat projects. Each youth can enter one submission in both oral presentation and written public service announcements. Submitted entries will be divided into the following grade judging categories from the 2019-2020 school year. Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-13). Submissions are due August 14. The top entries in each division will receive monetary awards and may be featured on Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media, YouTube channels and other media outlets.

We look forward to what our Wisconsin youth submit and how we can grow this program moving forward into other animal species and topics in due time. Can't wait to see your ideas!

Contact Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@wisc.edu, UW Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, for questions.

Congratulations to our MORE for Agriculture Grant Recipients

Congratulations to 29 teachers who will be receiving a classroom set of "The Hungry Planet" books to use in their classrooms. The MORE for Agriculture grant was available to teachers in grades 7-12. Each grant recipient will receive a classroom set of "The Hungry Planet" by Peter Menzel. The book details the food consumption of various families around the world. Companion educational lessons and resources will accompany the books. Grant recipients will participate in a virtual training and will complete a report at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. This grant is made possible by the generous support of the Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America, the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial.

First	Last	School Name	City	County
Jacob	Abrahamson	Marion High School	Marion	Waupaca
Marlee	Bonham	Jack Young Middle School	Baraboo	Sauk
Kevin	Champeau	Freedom High School	Freedom	Outagamie
Tari	Costello	Waupun Area Junior/Senior High	Waupun	Dodge/Fond du Lac
Katelyn	Dei	Slinger High School	Slinger	Washington
Stephanie	DeVries	Cambria-Friesland School District	Cambria	Columbia
Tyler	Foote	Vincent High School of Agricultural Sciences	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
Theresa	Glodoski	Tri-County Area School District	Plainfield	Waushara
Melissa	Goers	Shawano Community High School	Shawano	Shawano
Melinda	Goplin	Whitehall School District	Whitehall	Trempealeau
Shawna	Henke	Campbellsport Middle/High School	Campbellsport	Fond du Lac
Kelly	Hubert	Turtle Lake Schools	Turtle Lake	Polk
Emily	Klingbeil	Cambridge High School	Cambridge	Jefferson
Jamie	Kobs	Sun Prairie High School	Sun Prairie	Dane
Beth	Kolodzinski	Royall High School	Elroy	Juneau
Kirsten	Konder	Luck Public Schools	Luck	Polk
Dyan	Lasar	Greenfield High School	Greenfield	Milwaukee
Amanda	Levzow - Seichter	Pardeeville High School	Pardeeville	Columbia
Sandra Dee	Naas	Ashland High School	Ashland	Ashland
Nathaniel	Nolden	Wisconsin Dells High School	Wisconsin Dells	Columbia
Holly	Olsen	Chain Exploration Center	Waupaca	Waupaca
Kristina	Puntney	Baraboo High School	Baraboo	Sauk
Whitney	Rathke	Random Lake High School	Random Lake	Sheboygan
James	Rupp	Randolph High School	Randolph	Dodge
Jessica	Schaefer	Lancaster High School	Lancaster	Grant
Timothy	Sprain	Lincoln Middle School	La Crosse	La Crosse
Cindi	Syverson	South Middle School	Eau Claire	Eau Claire
Brittany	Vanderbilt	DeForest High School	DeForest	Dane
Jeff	Zobeck	Gresham Community School	Gresham	Shawano



Summer Photo Contest!

The 2020 KidsGardening Summer Photo Contest is underway!

https://kidsgardening.org/2020-summer-photo-contest/?mc_cid=d84326d54d&mc_eid=52b3be460d

Enter your photos in one of the following categories:

- **Kid Gardeners** - Photos of kids gardening outdoors or indoors.
- **Kid Garden Activity or Lesson** - Pressing flowers? Making seed balls? Show us a garden activity or lesson in or out of the garden.
- **Garden Photos Taken by Kids (age 10 and under)** - Giant vegetables? Cool critters? Garden selfies? This is for kids behind the camera.
- **Garden Photos Taken by Kids (age 11-18)** - For older kids behind the camera.

Winners selected for each of the above categories will win a \$50 gift card to Gardener's Supply Company. Ten honorable mentions will win seed collections. The Summer Photo Contest is open July 21 to August 18, 2020. Winners will be announced September 1, 2020.

Walworth County Receives AFBFA White-Reinhardt Grant

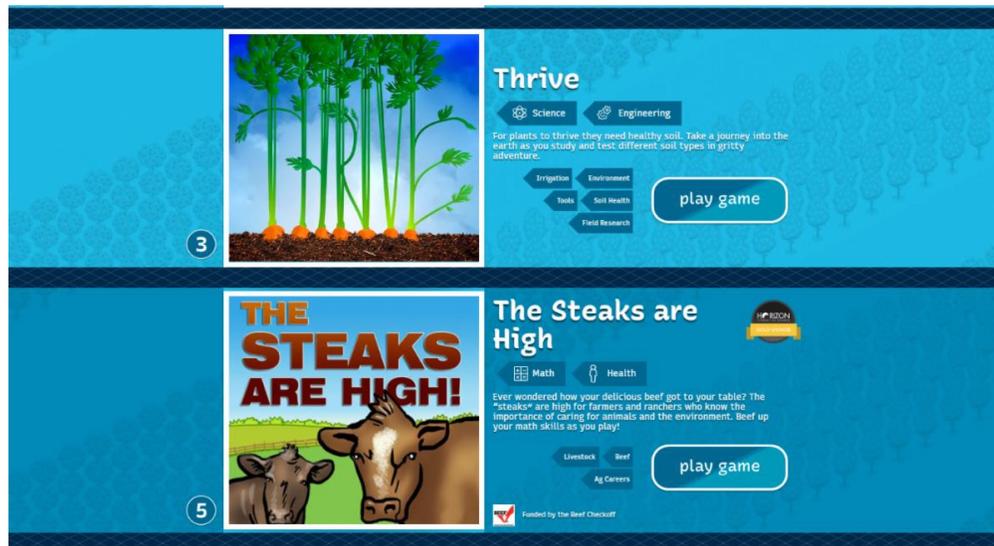
Walworth County Farm Bureau, in conjunction with the Walworth County Fair, has been awarded a \$500 2020 White-Reinhardt Grant for their Barnyard Adventure Educational Area. The White-Reinhardt Program funds projects that will increase agricultural literacy and only county and state Farm Bureau programs are eligible.

The "Buzzing through the Barnyard" agriculture education tour will highlight learning stations showcasing numerous areas of farming. Learning stations will include dairy, crops and grains, beekeeping, beef, butterflies, poultry, garden produce, swine, goats, sheep, horse, orchards and more! The Walworth County Fair is held over Labor Day and averages over 130,000 fair guests of all ages. The grant will help purchase reusable station signs, a video monitor, reusable butterfly observation enclosures, and lifelike turkey and rabbits. George Mroch has coordinated the Barnyard Adventure Agriculture Education area for many years.

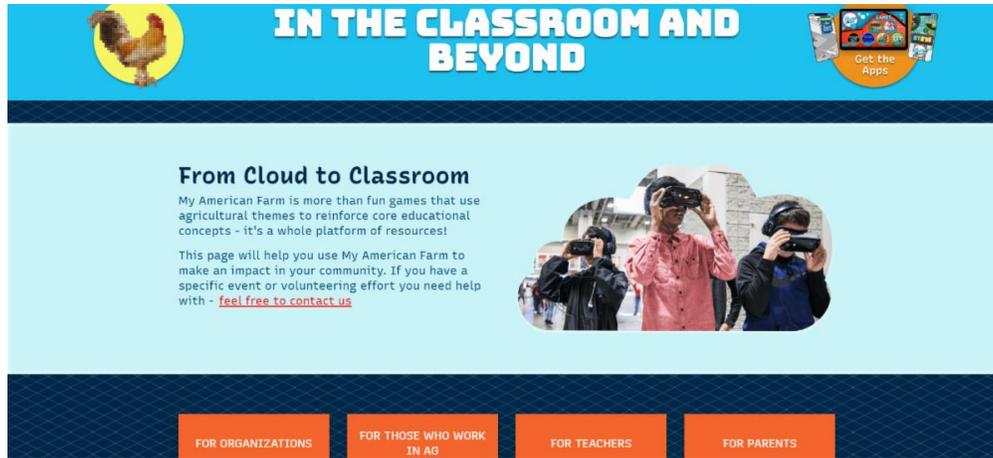
The White-Reinhardt Fund for Education is a special project of the Foundation in cooperation with the AFB Women's Leadership Committee. It was established to honor two former chairs of that committee, Berta White and Linda Reinhardt, who were leaders in the national effort to improve agricultural literacy.

MY AMERICAN FARM

New & Improved Website!



We are excited to launch the updated MyAmericanFarm.org! Search for a game by theme, subject or grade level right on the front page.



It is also now easier to find resources to educate youth about agriculture and share My American Farm.



Looking for accompanying resources for each game? They are on the same page as the game!



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Want to support these great resources? Golf in the Wisconsin Ag Open!

The Wisconsin Ag Open is a golf event hosted to raise funds to support agricultural education and leadership programs and activities through the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation. This year's event will take place at The Oaks Golf Course in Cottage Grove on Tuesday, September 15. The event is limited to 144 golfers to avoid waiting on the course, so it's crucial that your registration form and payment is done online to ensure a spot for golfing. Registration is due August 10.

Learn more at wfbf.com/events/wisconsin-ag-open.



For any help, questions or other inquiries about Ag in the Classroom, please contact:

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