# Ag in the Classroom Snapshot

## About Ag in the Classroom

The Ag in the Classroom program is coordinated nationally by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help students in grades pre-K-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.

### Resources

#### Ag Mags

An agricultural magazine for kids, Ag Mags contain information about agriculture, bright pictures, classroom activities and agricultural careers.

**My American Farm** Free online games for grades pre-Kfifth teach children math, reading, science and social studies skills in the context of agriculture. myamericanfarm.org

Outstanding Teacher Award An award recognizing teachers for their successful efforts in teaching agricultural concepts in their curriculum.

#### Children's Library Books

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

#### **Teacher Training**

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

## Lessons and Activities

#### 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.

**Wisconsin Farm Facts Brochure** Filled with statistical and economic information about Wisconsin agriculture with supplementary resources.

#### 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.

#### Grants

Groups looking to promote ag literacy can apply for matching and minigrants to develop curriculum and activities.

#### Lesson Plans, Hands-on

Activities and Curriculum Matrix Lesson plans and hands-on activities are available for all grade levels on a variety of subjects and commodities. Lessons are correlated to educational standards.

#### Soybean Science Kits

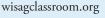
Kits containing curriculum and teaching supplies for 21 lessons connecting agriculture and science are funded by the Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board.

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