

# The Teacher Newsletter Oregon



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Agriculture In The

Classroom Foundation

This newsletter is **sponsored by the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation and the Oregon Beef Council** to help students and teachers understand the important role of agriculture in Oregon and the United States. For more information, contact the Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) Program Director, Tami Kerr, at Oregon State University, (541) 737-8629, [aitc@orst.edu](mailto:aitc@orst.edu), or visit our web site at <http://AITC.orst.edu>.

## Oregon Ag Fest April 27-28, 2002

Visit Ag Fest in Salem at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. Explore and experience the sights, sounds, tastes and delights of Oregon agriculture. Ag Country is a creative agricultural community that gives kids hands-on experiences such as grinding wheat, digging for potatoes, watching chicks hatch, and much, much more. Visit the Teacher Resource Area with our AITC display. Children 12 and under are FREE. To learn more, visit their web site at [www.oragfest.com](http://www.oragfest.com) or call 800-874-7012.

## Certificates for Student Artwork



**Every** student that submits artwork featuring Oregon agriculture for our calendar contest will receive a personalized certificate. Artwork is due **May 31, 2002**. Visit our web site to view current artwork, rules of the contest, and entry forms. We plan to print a calendar for the next school year. It will highlight student artwork with their name, school, and teacher, in addition to daily facts about Oregon agriculture.

## April Calendar Picture



Joe Hynes ♦ 5th Grade, Central Howell,  
Silverton, OR ♦ Teacher: K-Lee Maxfield

## Grad Credits Available for the Summer Ag Institute (SAI)

Lee Cole, Department Head Agriculture Education, Oregon State University (OSU) states that SAI is "A dynamic, educational, fun packed week of learning about our nations number one employer, agriculture. Get 3 credits and learn how Agriculture can be used as a theme for teaching math, science, social studies and English to enhance achievement of Education Reform Standards. Agriculture makes a great context for helping your curriculum come to life." The OSU session is June 23-28. For an application and information, visit our web site at <http://AITC.orst.edu>, check Teacher Workshops or call (541) 752-2727.

# Spring Calendar Artwork

## May Calendar Picture



Whitney Hartwell ♦ 5th Grade, Pringle, Salem, OR ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Walling

## July Calendar Picture



Chloe ♦ 1st Grade, Englewood, Salem, OR

## June Calendar Picture



PJ Oakes ♦ 5th Grade, Liberty, Tillamook, OR ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Hinds

## August Calendar Picture



Lisa Root ♦ 4th Grade, Mt. View, Corvallis, OR ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Criscione

## Fun Ag Facts - Did You Know?

- ♦ April is National Recycling Month?
- ♦ May is National Beef Month and National Strawberry Month?
- ♦ June is National Dairy Month?
- ♦ Our Governor declared July to be Blueberry Month in Oregon?

Contact us to incorporate these topics into your classroom and view our web site to learn fun daily agricultural facts that relate to these months.



# **NEW Resources & Information**

Contact Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) for more information or to reserve the following materials, (541) 737-8629, AIRC@orst.edu, or view our free-loan resource library online at <http://airc.orst.edu>

## **Educational Units:**

### **Crazy About Corn Grades K-2 (CD Kit)**

This kit sows the seeds of history, science, culture, crafts and nutrition through the truly a-maizing plant-corn. This kit contains three books, a video, cassette with songbook, and a CD with eight games and activities for your students. Kids will learn the science concepts as well as matching, alphabetizing and pattern recognition. This is a very popular kit! Published by 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System. **Free loan from Oregon AIRC.**



### **Dairy Kit**

#### **Grades K-6 (Lessons, Videos, Activities)**

This kit includes a large color poster, *Milk From Cow To You* which shows the process that takes milk from the cow to the dairy plant to you, pictures of the dairy breeds with information about each breed, several lesson plans appropriate for grades K-6, recipes for making butter, yogurt or ice cream, a variety of books, videos, and samples of feed that dairy animals eat. Did you know that Milk is the official beverage of Oregon? **Free loan from Oregon AIRC, poster and video provided by Dairy Farmers of Oregon.** For more information, contact them at (503) 229-5033.



### **Water Heroes! Gee Whiz in Agriculture Grades 4-7 (Video & Educators Guide)**

Protecting our water resources takes more than just hard work; it takes water heroes. Learn about non-point source pollution and how it affects our groundwater. Geology and geography come to life in a trip to Hidden River Cave and a miniature watershed experiment. Visit streams with some young water heroes and learn what you can do to protect this precious resource. A teachers guide is included. **Free loan from Oregon AIRC, provided by the Oregon 4-H Foundation.**



### **Cotton: A Miracle of Nature Grades 7-9 (Color poster, lessons)**

This **free curriculum kit** includes a colorful and informative poster, an easy-to-use teacher's guide, and four interactive student activity sheets focused on cotton as the subject of an interdisciplinary unit of study for science, math, and social studies. Cotton is the most widely used fiber in the world, and in the United States, 60% of the fiber used to make clothing is cotton. **Contact Oregon AIRC for your Free Kit, provided by Lifetime Learning Systems.**



**Yes!** I would like to receive more information about:

- Reviewing Curriculum Materials and Activities
- Becoming an Ambassador
- Teacher-Training Workshops
- Add me to the Newsletter Mailing List

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