

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, or visit our home page at <http://AITC.orst.edu>.

Deadline for Curriculum Evaluation

The deadline to submit comments about our new curriculum on Oregon commodities and natural resources is March 1, 2002. Please submit your evaluations as soon as possible. Contact our office at (541) 737-8629 if you have any questions.

Web Site Improved

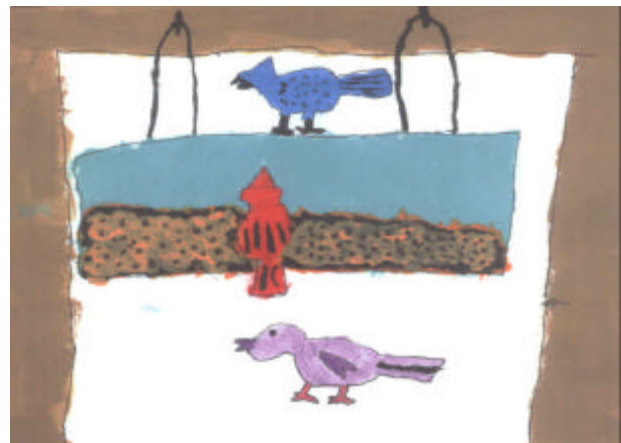
Our web site, <http://AITC.orst.edu>, has been updated recently. We have a fresh, new look and have enhanced many features. Visit our site to review the new materials in our Free-Loan Resource Library, new events and other additions!

National Ag Week Poster



National Ag Week is March 18-22. Contact our office to receive a **free** National Ag Week Poster for your classroom, while supplies last! Several lessons are available to teach your students how agriculture is tied to their daily lives.

More Student Artwork



Kyndra Barnes ♦ 4th Grade, Home School, Woodburn, OR ♦ Teacher: Mrs. Lisa Barnes

Fun Ag Facts - Did You Know?

- ♦ Oats were not considered fit for human consumption until the late 1800's?
- ♦ International pizza toppings include squid, green peas and pickled ginger?
- ♦ A potato has more potassium than a banana?
- ♦ Oregon is ranked #2 in the nation for the production of sweet cherries?
- ♦ Beef By-Products help to use 99% of every beef animal?
- ♦ Oregon's frozen fries are used in Thailand, Korea, China, and Australia?
- ♦ Pig heart valves have been used to replace human heart valves?

More fun facts are listed on our web site.

Winter Calendar Artwork

February Calendar Picture



Jesse Gossel ♦ 5th Grade, Tiller Elementary, Tiller, OR ♦ Teacher: Mr. Grow

Additional Featured Artwork:



Colin Jabin ♦ 6th Grade, Salem, OR ♦ Teacher: Adam Stephens



March Calendar Picture



Holly Martin ♦ 5th Grade, North Bay Elem., North Bend, OR ♦ Teacher: Eva Varga



Jennifer Lippert ♦ 4th Grade, Myers Elementary, Salem, OR

To view our on-line calendar and to submit your students' artwork, visit our web site at <http://aitc.orst.edu>.



NEW Resources & Information

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

Educational Units:

Sheep Kit

Grades K-3 (Books, Lessons, Videos)

This kit includes a book entitled *My Sheep*, several lesson plans and activities, a kit on *Wool Fiber In The Making* from Pendleton Woolen Mills, and videos. **Free loan from Oregon AITC, provided by the Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation.**



The Safe Food Journey

Grades 2-4 (Poster)

Detailing the journey food makes from the farm to students' homes, this colorful 22" by 32" educational poster gives processes to promote a safe food supply at every "stop." This includes instructions for proper handling of food (and hand washing) once the food arrives home.



On the reverse of the poster, activities and worksheets help teachers to educate their students about the basics of safe, hygienic and healthful handling of food. The poster, designed for use as a supplement to the science, language arts, social studies and health curricula, is available **Free** from the **Oregon Beef Council**. Contact Schelli Blaha at (503) 274-BEEF for an order form and information on other resources.

CORRECTION:

5-A-Day Adventures, 2000 Version

Grades K-6 (CD-ROM)

New address: Dole Food Company, Inc.
100 Hegenberger RD. Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94621-1447

Wood You Take Care of Me?

Gee Whiz in Agriculture

Grades 4-7 (Video & Educators Guide)

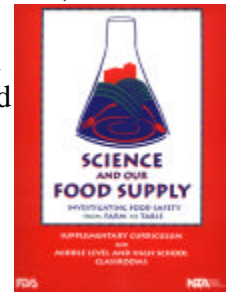
Explore the forest industry and its impact on our environment. Take a trip to a tree farm and the home of the Louisville Slugger baseball bat. The science of growing and harvesting trees and their use in furniture, lumber, and paper products are highlighted, along with the ecological impacts of this "growing" enterprise. A teachers guide is included. **Free loan from Oregon AITC, provided by the Oregon 4-H Foundation.**



Science and Our Food Supply

Investigating Food Safety From Farm to Table Grades 7-12 (Video Kit)

This exciting new curriculum, sponsored jointly by the National Science Teachers Association and the Food and Drug Administration, comes complete with separate guides for middle level and high school science teachers, and includes an interactive video, "Dr. X and the Quest for Food Safety" and the comprehensive "Food Safety A to Z Reference Guide." There are various activities that are easy to incorporate into all curriculums. Includes insider interviews with real-life scientists and a career guide. **Free curriculum kit** available at:
<http://www.nsta.org/fdacurriculum>.



Yes! I would like to receive more information about:

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- Reviewing Curriculum
- Becoming an Ambassador
- Teacher-Training Workshops
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