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MIGHT YOU BE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON CFA'S BOARD? MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, SEPTEMBER & NOVEMBER. MEETINGS ARE FROM 11:00 TO 2:00. LUNCH IS PROVIDED. THE LOCATION

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if you would be interested in attending.

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Ag and Science Educators

Over 1,000 science teachers attended the 2006 Science Conference. CFA though donations from numerous groups and individuals, hosted these educators to lunch. In addition, we shared information about Colorado agriculture and resources available to use agriculture as a theme to teach other academic subjects. This year the focus crop was potatoes and we gave out bags of red, white and blue potatoes. We would like to thank the individuals who helped us. Teresa Beemer shared information about wools and spinning, Lola Mundt shared information about potatoes and Colorado Proud. Randy Schwalm, Jody Davis, Wendy White, Ivan and Joan Grein, Erin Barkey and Julie Moore also helped us tell agriculture's story. Potatoes were donated by CSU's San Luis Valley Research Center.



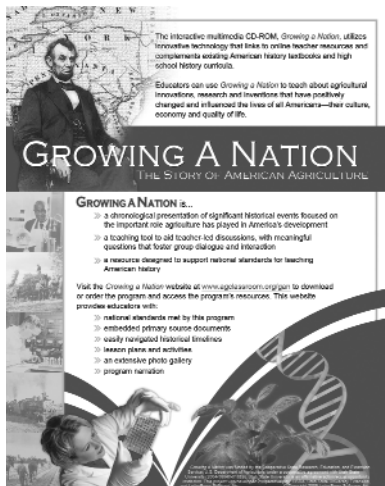
Hi Betty,

I'm writing you because I received your students paper issue on eggs this week. I just wanted you to know how pleased I was today when we got to working as a class on this issue. The kids loved it. I thought the activities ranged from low to high very nicely so that I could make all kids feel successful. What a wonderful publication. Now for my confession. I am not sure how I got this publication. I want to make sure you continue to send it to my 4th grade class. With Colorado History as part of our curriculum, I think this publication has great use in our school. I'm hoping it is a free resource and I wasn't getting someone else's subscription. Also, I teach Social Studies with a partner for our entire 4th grade. Could I begin receiving 90 copies instead of the 25 I got today? Please let me know if this is not a free resource before I begin to brag to my colleagues about what a score I just made for our students. Thanks again so much for providing us with such a fun lesson today.

Sincerely,

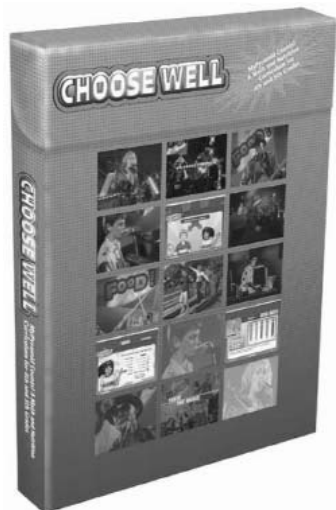
Liz Brown, Fort Collins, CO 80528

NEW RESOURCES



Growing a Nation's chronological presentation of significant historical events focuses on the important role agriculture has played in America's development. Students gain an appreciation of our agricultural history and how agricultural events have affected our lives in America today. Statistical data is supplied to analyze trends or allow students a look into the future. The programs' resources can be further enhanced by using the Growing a Nation Instructional Unit. The website provides educators with classroom resources and activities including: primary sources, assessment options, an easily navigated timeline, photo gallery, and the national standards met by this program. Growing a Nation has been designed as a flexible resource for secondary United States history courses. This interactive program is a useful resource for U.S. history teachers and their students. Free from CFA.

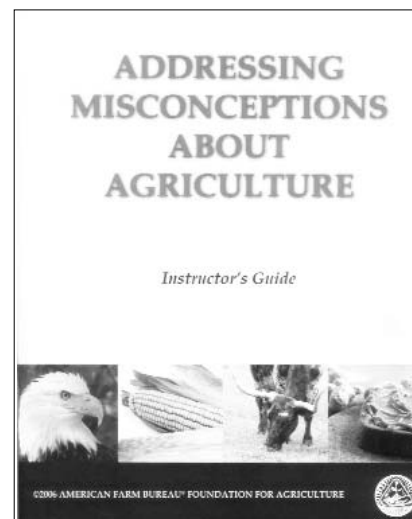
School Wellness Toolkit is a useful tool for school officials, health professionals, parents, and community members. This kit provides everything you need to get involved in school wellness policies in your local district. Components include: How-To Manual, Resources and links to agencies and groups, Reprint articles from the School Foodservice and Nutrition Journal, Reproducible Handouts, MyPyramid Poster and MyPyramid for Kids Poster. Free from Colorado Beef Council, contact Julie Moore 303-830-7892 or julie@cobeeff.com.



Choose Well, a new curriculum aimed at fourth and fifth graders, is based on research that shows children don't understand appropriate portion sizes, nor do they understand how to eat a nutritious diet, yet still allow themselves to choose extras. Choose Well uses eight classroom activities, a computer game and an award-winning video titled Food! to teach children to take control of their food choices. The kit also includes a MyPyramid poster, a Power Foods poster and two "take-home" activities. Choose Well is endorsed by the American Dietetic Association as part of its Healthy Families, Healthy Kids initiative. Free from Colorado Beef Council, contact Julie Moore 303-830-7892 or julie@cobeeff.com.

Misconceptions in Agriculture

Have you always known that many of the derogatory claims made against modern agricultural practices are not sound? Are you ready to challenge many of the misconceptions people hold about agriculture, but have not had the time to research the issues yourself? Farm Bureau has done the research for you and developed a new education tool. This instruction kit will help you target some key issues and clear up misconceptions with sound, science-based, factual information. This new tool has received rave reviews from FB audiences and educators across the country. The kit, "Addressing Misconceptions about Agriculture" consists of a 46 page instructor's guidebook and a Power Point Presentation on a CD. The guidebook contains a complete lesson plan, materials to copy for activities, power point presentation information and references. The kit is available by contacting Patty Kenny at the Colorado Farm Bureau, phone # 303-749-7506 or pkenny@colofb.com



In Their Own Words - Educating About Ag



This year the Food, Fiber and More Summer Agriculture in the Classroom Institute was held in Fort Collins and Alamosa. It provides many opportunities for hands-on learning activities. We could tell you about the learning events of the Summer Institute, but we thought you might be interested in reading some of the attendees' comments about their experience.

house to start off my nutrition unit. P.E., math, science and literacy are integrated. I cannot thank you enough! Thanks for everything you did to make this class the best!

Sincerely,
Neva Meisner

From Warren Teasley (letter shorten to fit below):

Dear Bette,

I just wanted to say again how fantastic the AgriCulture Summer Institute was. I am so glad that we were able to attend the Fort Collins class. I was inundated with information and much to think about. I loved the field trips, the hands-on activities, the resources just given to us and I especially loved hearing from all the enthusiastic speakers. I came away with a great respect for all those involved with ranching and farming as well as all those involved in any aspect of agriculture. I would have to rank this week of class as one of the very best I have ever attended! Thank you for all your effort and time along with everyone else who helped to make this institute such an outstanding program. I take with me not only the knowledge gained, the resources given, the burning enthusiasm for their lives touched by agriculture but also the opportunity to have spent time with people who love the land and it's resources. What an opportunity for me. Thank you so very much!

Carleen Nygren

I want to take a moment to personally thank you all for your part in sponsoring the 'Food, Fiber, and More' class this summer. This originally was going to be just another class to collect hours for teacher re-certification. I did in fact enroll because the flyer sent to my school made it look like it was going to be interesting. To my surprise after I sent in my registration I was notified that I was the benefactor of your support and contribution in the form of a scholarship paid for by you and others. I must say that at the end of the week I had received so much more than I originally thought I would. This class was by far one of the most interesting and useful classes that I have ever taken in my 30+ years of teaching.

Probably the most interesting part of the week for me was the tour through the Double J meat processing plant. I had some book knowledge on this but to see everything firsthand was truly an event that I can draw upon when I discuss things with my students.

As I state before, this class was one of the best I have ever taken. I can use a great deal of the information for my classes and I plan on sharing with our science teachers as well.

My daughter is also a teacher and I've already shared information with her. Maybe we can get some of our 'city' kids to respect farmers and people in agriculture in general a little more. I also hope to get them to respect the land, water and other resources more and to not take things for granted about where food comes from and why everyone depends upon our farms and farm workers.

Again, thank you all for your generous support of Agriculture, this class, and teachers.



Dear Bette,

I am ever so grateful for the learning opportunities given me because of the Summer Institute: AgriCulture in the Classroom class of 2006. Being a city girl and transplanted into an agricultural community, this is the best class I could have ever taken. I will better relate to my students involved with agriculture, expose agriculture to those who have never seen it, and spread the word that food does not just come from the grocery store. I now have a more healthy respect for what "The Agricultural Family" is and what the "family" does every day. I am truly inspired. I will use the mini-green-



OVER 2200 LICENSE PLATES HAVE HIT THE ROAD

Want an inexpensive, easy way to show your support of agriculture?

Purchase the agriculture plates.

A certificate issued by CFA is needed to purchase the plates. The cost is a minimum donation of \$25 (per license plate set) to the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture plus a one time \$25 fee payable to your county motor vehicle department for each set of plates. Your regular owner and license fees are in addition to these costs.

To order the plates, use the form below, or you can simply send a check and write on the memo portion of your check that it is for the agriculture plates. We will return your certificate to the address on your check.

WANTED ITEMS for FUND RAISING SILENT AUCTION

At the Colorado Farm Show - January 23-25 - there will be a silent auction to benefit the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture. If you would like to donate items to be auctioned to benefit the Ag in the Classroom Program, please contact CFA. Be sure to stop by and bid early and bid often...

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YES! I want to support the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture and the Ag in the Classroom programs!

Enclosed is

- \$60 Adopt a Classroom
- \$15 Donation
- \$50 Donation
- \$100 Donation
- \$250 Donation
- \$500 Donation
- \$1000 Donation
- Other \$ _____

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

Send classroom sets of *Understanding Water* Activity Book- \$75 per classroom set.....Number of sets _____ x \$ 75 = \$ _____

Provide scholarships to the AgriCULTURE in the Classroom Institute - \$250 per teacher.Number of scholarships _____ x \$250 = \$ _____

"Growing Your Future" License Plate Certificate - \$25 per set of platesNumber of license plates _____ x \$ 25 = \$ _____

Sponsor "A River's Journey" CD Set to a Classroom.....Number of CD sets _____ x \$ 15 = \$ _____

Sponsor "Food, Land & People" CD to a Classroom.....Number of CDs _____ x \$ 35 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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