



Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom

- Offers materials to encourage active learning with hands-on activities for youth.
- Creates instructional materials aligned to Nebraska State Education Standards.
- Equips teachers with free programs and resources to bring agriculture alive in the classroom.

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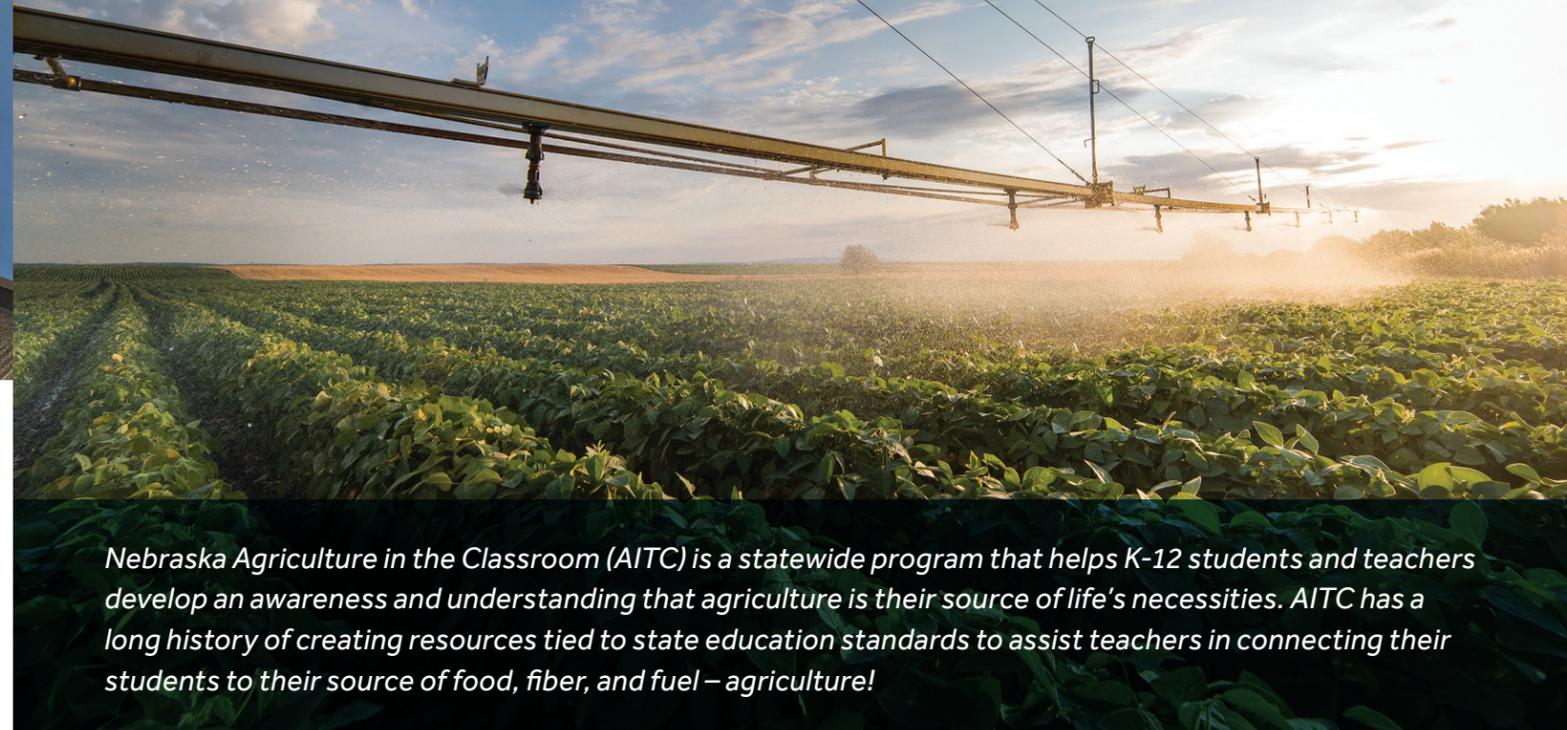
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Agriculture in the Classroom® is a program coordinated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In Nebraska, the Agriculture in the Classroom program is managed by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation, whose mission is to engage youth, educators, and the general public to promote an understanding of the vital importance of agriculture in the lives of all Nebraskans.

NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

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Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) is a statewide program that helps K-12 students and teachers develop an awareness and understanding that agriculture is their source of life's necessities. AITC has a long history of creating resources tied to state education standards to assist teachers in connecting their students to their source of food, fiber, and fuel – agriculture!

Every year Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom reaches more than



30,000
students



600
teachers



3,500
volunteers

Why Agriculture?

Agriculture means survival. In Nebraska, 1 in 4 jobs are related to agriculture.

Agriculture provides a rich context for learning about:

- ✓ **Nebraska's Past & Present**
- ✓ **The Environment**
- ✓ **The Food Chain**
- ✓ **Nutrition**
- ✓ **Economics**

Get Involved

Ag Pen Pal Program. Connect with a farmer or rancher by exchanging three letters during the school year. Learn about natural resources, seasons, nutrition, communities, the environment, weather, and the culture of rural Nebraska. The program begins September 1 each year.

Classroom Visits. AITC staff lead customized, hands-on lessons aligned to Nebraska State Education Standards within science, social studies, and language arts for grades K-5 in schools across Nebraska.

Teacher Engagement. Customized workshops provide educators opportunities to obtain resources and develop strategies to enhance standard-aligned curriculum within science, social studies, math, and language arts.

Virtual Field Trips. Connect with a farmer via a live video-chat to see inside the barn doors of a real Nebraska farm. Second and third grade students can visit a pig farm, and fourth and fifth grade students can ride along in the combine and planter on a corn farm.

Grants & Awards

Field Trip Grant. K – 8 grade teachers can apply to receive up to \$700 in transportation funding to travel to a working farm or ranch.

Teacher of the Year Award. K-8 grade teachers can apply in October to be recognized for their innovative methods to incorporate agriculture into their classroom. Winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the National Agriculture in the Classroom conference, a book bundle, and a \$250 cash prize.



Resources

AgMag. This learning tool introduces new, non-fiction text to support Nebraska fourth grade standards for language arts, social studies, and science. AgMag is available in English and Spanish.

Camps & Clubs. Find materials to equip after-school programs and summer camps that encourage active learning with hands-on activities for youth in custom programs.

Curriculum Matrix. Search this online, standards-based curriculum map for K-12 teachers. Instructional, classroom-ready resources and lessons from all 50 states are included in this matrix.

Literature Guides. Each guide introduces a beautiful, imaginative, lively text or picture book and is accompanied by professionally designed curriculum for grades K-5.

Make & Take Lessons. Engage K-12 students in activities that allow students to learn through many of their senses, while aligning to Nebraska State Education Content Standards.

Mapping Our Food. An integrated language arts and social studies resource for first-grade classrooms that highlights ten Nebraska-grown products and the farmers who raise them.

Nebraska Interactive Map. This online resource gives third-fifth grade students and educators a more interactive and useful way to understand facts, events, and places that impact our daily lives as they relate to agriculture.

Supplemental Materials. Explore these informative cards, posters, coloring pages, and games that apply to a variety of ages and educational settings.

