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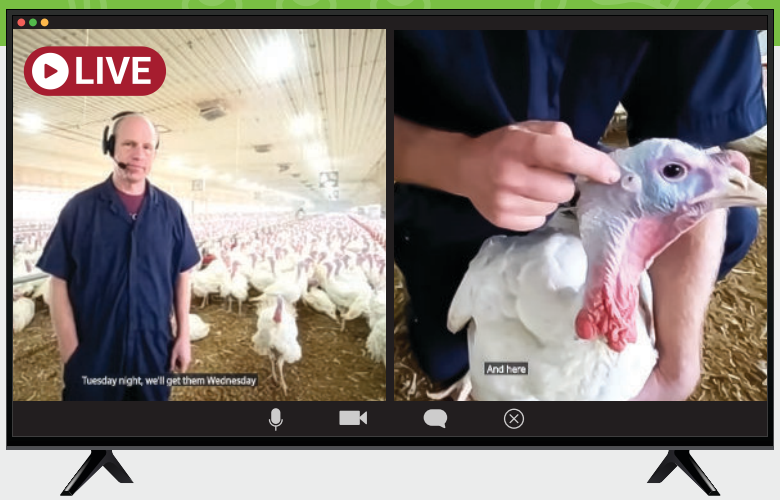

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

Bring farms and agricultural sites into your classroom through live (Zoom) and on-demand (YouTube) **30-MINUTE** tour experiences designed for K–5 students.

READ AND GROW

Book recommendation hub featuring agriculture-themed titles for preschool through grade 12, organized by topic and grade level!

FARM CAMP FOR GRADES 5–12

FARM CAMP EXPERIENCE

A three-part agriculture experience that connects the classroom with the agriculture community through immersive learning for grade 5-12. Experiences reinforce academic standards, engage, and create real-world connections with agriculture and careers.

Our Farm Camp Director coordinates each unique experience with educators and hosts. Farm Camps are **FREE** through MAITC.

THE THREE PARTS OF FARM CAMP

Each Farm Camp includes classroom learning, a hands-on farm or agribusiness experience, and career exploration.

FARM CAMP —MINNESOTA—

TRANSPORTATION GRANTS

Grants help lower travel costs and remove barriers to participation. Schools of every size may qualify for support to connect students with local agriculture and careers.

FARM CAMP WEBSITE

Scan QR code or visit:
farmcampminnesota.org

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ABOUT MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

VISION Agriculture is valued by ALL.
MISSION To increase agricultural literacy through K–12 education.

An agriculturally literate person is defined as **"one who understands and can communicate the source and value of agriculture as it affects our quality of life."**

The Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom program (MAITC) empowers K–12 educators to infuse agriculture into science, social studies, language arts, nutrition, and other subjects.

Free!

All resources are free, supported by the **Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture** and the **Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. Foundation**

CURRICULAR RESOURCES

EDUCATOR CENTER
Start here to access MAITC's collection of free standards-based curriculum resources, lesson plans, books, videos, and classroom activities.

CURRICULUM MATRIX
Searchable database of over **500** K-12 lesson plans and resources. All lessons are agriculture-focused and aligned with Minnesota academic standards.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
K-12 lessons aligned with Minnesota Social Studies Academic Standards, plus a student desk colored map and **40+** online maps.

AGMAG SERIES FOR GRADES K–6
Includes two grade-specific issues each year (Fall and Spring) for every K–6 grade level, available in **PRINT** and **ONLINE.** Aligned with Minnesota Academic Standards, AgMag complements traditional resources with stories about Minnesota growers and agriculture businesses. Print editions are also **FREE.**

AGMAG ONLINE
Explore content from all current AgMag issues as well as supporting teacher guides, supplemental videos, commodity pages, quizzes and more!

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107,772+
AgMags distributed in 2025–2026 & growing!

K–12 EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Customized workshops, webinars, and agriculture site experiences that help educators integrate authentic agricultural examples into the classroom.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

OCTOBER 15, 2026 | Application deadline. Recognizes K-12 educators who creatively integrate agriculture into their classrooms and curriculum. Includes the opportunity to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference.

AGRICULTURAL LITERACY GRANTS

OCTOBER 15, 2026 | Application deadline. Funds support new initiatives that integrate agriculture into curriculum and enhance lessons and activities for K-12 educators.

FIRST YEAR TEACHER GRANTS

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR | Applications accepted anytime. Funds support first-year K-12 educators in integrating agriculture into their classrooms and curriculum.

SCHOOL GARDENS

SCHOOL GARDEN CONFERENCE

MARCH 9, 2027 | Conference designed to equip educators with ideas, resources for successful school gardens.

SCHOOL GARDEN WEEK

MAY 17–21, 2027 | Explore activities that highlight the impact of school gardens on learning, food production, and community connections across Minnesota.

RESOURCE HUB

Explore practical tools and resources for starting, funding, managing, and teaching with school gardens. Includes guides, lesson plans, funding ideas, and garden management tips.