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48th DAA Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Program Fair 2024 www.agfair.org

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Mission

To increase the understanding, appreciation and participation of urban teachers and students in agriculture and nutrition through cooperative involvements of the California agricultural industry, educational institutions and community partners.

2024 Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair



48th District Agricultural Association

Theme: The Future of Agriculture is Now

The Schools' Agriculture and Nutrition Fair was held in conjunction with the 16-day L.A. County Fair, May 3–27 in Building 10. Our building was a Community Open House for all the schools who participated. Over 50 schools and 90 teachers entered creative displays from their students!



The Fair field trips were limited to three days. Over 2,500 students experienced viewing their entries and ribbons on display. The days were complete with the Science Show and Robot demonstrations presented by Discovering Science, Milking Parlor display by Dairy Council of CA, and Petting Zoo by Cal Poly Pomona in the Big Red Barn.

Community Partners on Field Trip days: Metropolitan Water District, UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County, and Judy Huffaker, Farm to Table hosted demonstration tables with hands-on activities for students to participate in.

Fair guests enjoyed viewing "In the Footprint in the City," a DVD documentary about the farming past, present, and future of modern Los Angeles. The film was produced, written, directed and edited by Daniel P. Tripoli.



Sawhorse, Scarecrow, Container Garden, and Miscellaneous Craft entries.

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Pomona Feed

Many new interested teachers signed up to participate in the Program/Fair.

Thank you again to all the teachers and their students who helped create our Schools' Ag and Nutrition Fair!

You made a difference!

Mobile Dairy Classroom



The Mobile Dairy Classroom is the original farm-to-school agricultural literacy program operating in California since the 1930s. With the aid of a working dairy cow, the assembly teaches how milk and dairy foods are produced and how they contribute to healthy eating. Attendees gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture and a healthy diet.

The program is available at no-cost to California communities. The unique experience is normally taught in two segments and school events are intended for the whole school.

- 45 minutes for lower elementary grades, K-3, focusing on vocabulary, life cycles and anatomy concepts
- 45 minutes for upper elementary grades, 4-6, explaining the ruminant digestive system, lactation cycle, agriculture technology and milk processing with proper vocabulary

Events such as fairs, Ag days and farmers' markets also have an opportunity to bring the experience to their communities. Email to MDC@DairyCouncilofCA.org with event specifics, and MDC will work with you to see if the

event can be accommodated based on current demand and availability.

The Mobile Dairy Classroom is brought to you by Dairy Council of California. Funded by California's dairy farm families and milk processors, Dairy Council of California is a nutrition organization overseen by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. It is the dairy community's philanthropic contribution to community health, supporting nutrition education in school and community settings to help children and communities make healthier eating choices.

Book the Mobile Dairy Classroom at <https://www.healthyeating.org/>

(Courtesy of Dairy Council of CA)

Let's Eat Healthy Toolkit



Dairy Council of CA presents a resource guide for professionals working together to empower lifelong healthy eating patterns.

The Let's Eat Healthy Toolkit offers a thoughtfully curated selection of credible and up-to-date resources, ensuring that you have access to trustworthy and relevant information and tools. This toolkit is structured around four steps; Learn, Educate, Advocate, Collaborate; each contributing to the activation of the Let's Eat Healthy Initiative.

Visit <https://www.healthyeating.org/> for additional information and activities.

Contact the 48th DAA office for lessons and materials 909-865-4633 or daa48th@aol.com.

(Courtesy of Dairy Council of CA)

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Top: 1st place Booth by VanderMolen Fundamental, Teacher Sara Oaks.

Bottom: Assorted School Garden posters displayed.



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Left, top to bottom: Judy Huffaker, Farm to Table, demonstrates hands-on activities for students. Fair entries: Ag Science Projects, Scarecrow, and Miscellaneous Crafts; Scarecrows and Sawhorse entries.

Right, Top to Bottom: Community Partner UC Cooperative Extension, LA County demonstrating healthful eating; Ag Science Projects, Scarecrow, and Horticulture/Container Garden entries.



Join SCAN!

The Southern California Agriculture and Nutrition Foundation (SCAN) is a 501(c)3 public charity that has provided support to the State of California's 48th District Agricultural Association for over 30 years. Contact the 48th DAA if you are interested in serving on the SCAN board of directors.

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School Garden Webinar

Ag in the Classroom is proud to support school garden programs. This two-hour webinar is an excellent opportunity for educators, parents, and volunteers to learn more about school gardens and how to connect them to local agriculture.

Check out their garden-related resources for garden lesson ideas, a guide to starting your school garden, and more! Visit <https://learnaboutag.org/resources/gardens/> to view the School Garden webinar.

Be sure to also explore the opportunities on their Grants and Scholarships page. Contact the 48th DAA office for lessons and materials 909-865-4633 or daa48th@aol.com.

(Courtesy of CA Foundation for Ag in the Classroom)

Imagine This...Story Writing Contest Open!



Imagine YOUR student as a published author.

The Imagine this... Story Writing Contest is open to California students in grades 3–8. Students select an agriculture topic, research it, and write a creative story, real or imagined. Common Core State Standards (W.3-8.2,3)

Winning author's stories (illustrated by high school art students) are published in a

book, and students are recognized at the State Capitol in the spring.

Watch their video featuring last year's winners, check out news coverage of the event, and read a California Bountiful magazine article about the contest.

Big news! Winning authors now get to take home their story posters. See additional contest changes here.

Deadline: November 1

<https://learnaboutag.org/programs/contest>.

Grant Opportunities — CA Foundation for Ag in the Classroom

Whole Kids Foundation

Salad Bar Grant: In partnership with Salad Bars to Schools, <http://www.saladbars2schools.org>.

Give kids good choices, and they'll make good choices! A salad bar at school means kids have the choice of fresh vegetables and fruit for lunch throughout the school year.

Kids with access to a salad bar in their school cafeteria not only put more fruits and veggies on their plates, they actually eat them! The CDC reports that kids with access to a salad bar consume 36% more fruits and vegetables.

The Salad Bars to Schools grant includes salad bar equipment and access to salad bar specific training modules available through Chef Ann Foundation's School Food Institute.

Applications Accepted Year Round!

Visit <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-salad-bars-grant/> for information and to apply.





Did You Know?

The following are **Common Core Lesson Plans** available at the 48th DAA
(Materials courtesy of CA Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom)

Fruits & Vegetables for Health Grades 4–6 Science, Math, Reading/Language, History/Social Science, Health/Nutrition

“Steer” Toward STEM, Careers in Animal Agriculture Grades 3–5 Science, Math, Reading/Language, Health/Nutrition

Chemistry, Fertilizer and the Environment Grades 8–12 Science, Math, Reading/Language

California Educator’s Guide to Fun with the Plant Nutrient Team Grades K–3
Next Generation Science, Science, Math, English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/Nutrition

Edible Plant Parts Grades 2–3
Next Generation Science, Science, Math, English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts

From “STEM” to Plate: Careers in Food Science Grades 6–8
Next Generation Science, Science, Math, English/Language, Health/Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts

Too Much? Too Little? Grades 5–8
Next Generation Science, Science, Math, English/Language, History/Social Science, Health/Nutrition, Visual/Performing Arts

What do Plants Need to Grow? Grades 2–4 Science, Math, Reading/Language, Health/Nutrition

Stem Connections, Energy and Agriculture: Careers in Sustainable Energy, Grades 9–12
Next Generation Science Standards

California Walnuts: A Walnut Orchard Through the Seasons, Grades 2–3
English Language Arts

***History of CA Agriculture Grades 6–12**
<https://ca.stateaghistory.org>

Food Safety: From Farm to Fork Grades 5–7
Science, Mathematics, English Language Arts, Health/Nutrition

Alien Invader Detectives Grades 3–5 Next Generation Science

Bon à la Beef Grades 3–12
Next Generation Science, English Language Arts and Math

California Almonds: An Almond Story Grades 3–5 Next Generation Science

California Walnuts: The Importance of Grafting Grades 4–5 English Language Arts

From Genes to Jeans II Grades 6–12
Next Generation Science, Science, Math, English Language Arts

Prolific Pollinators: Grades 3–8

Come into the office or call us at **909-865-4633**. Lessons are free of charge; equipment, books, DVD’s and videos can be borrowed.

The 48th also has Cotton’s Journey Kits; Bread making kits; Trout in the Classroom supplies, and incubators to hatch chicks. Visit www.agfair.org for additional available lessons and materials.

The materials furnished by the 48th DAA are **free of charge** to teachers, in exchange for participation by teacher/students in the annual Schools’ Agriculture and Nutrition Fair. Submit a minimum of one entry for each of the materials (projects) checked out from the 48th DAA office.

The 48th DAA is open year round and works with teachers from Pre K to 12th Grade. Teachers and parents – we look forward to meeting you!

The office is open Monday to Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch).

***New Lesson Plans**