

# AGRICULTURE EDUCATION RESOURCES

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## **Agriculture in the Classroom**

A comprehensive educational program designed to foster an understanding of agriculture. Virginia AITC's educational material was developed by educators and is correlated to Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOL). This program and material are intended to be integrated into existing classroom curricula. Services offered by the foundation include teacher in-service training, a school garden project and a biannual newsletter. *Excellent source of information for Virginia Ag Month.*

CONTACT: Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, Wendy Strong, Coordinator, P.O. Box 27552, Richmond, VA 23261-7552, Phone: 804-290-1141

## **The Best of Virginia Farms Cookbook and Tourbook**

Serves up a thoroughly appetizing helping of recipes from acclaimed chefs, historic sites, bed and breakfast establishments – and working farms. The book also includes interviews, tours, essays, photographs and lots of agriculture history about America's oldest farm state, Virginia. Supported by the Virginia Farm Bureau Women's Committee. All proceeds will benefit the Virginia Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Retail Price is \$ 24.95. To order your copy call, 800-553-8970.

## **Real Life Farm Adventures for Kids**

Join the famous Hard Hat Harry, the heavy equipment/construction genie, takes kids for a journey into the exciting world of farms. A video for elementary grades on increased production and improved technology. CONTACT: Publishers Choice, Box 4106, Dept YL82-UX, Huntington Station NY, 11746. \$ 4.95 each plus \$ 2.95 shipping and handling.

## **Soil. Who Needs It ?**

A video for elementary grades explaining the importance of soil, its texture, soil loss and erosion. CONTACT: New Mexico State University, Agricultural Communications Electronic Media Group, Box 3003 MSC 3AI, Las Cruces NM 88003. Phone: (505) 646-5368. Cost: \$ 12.95 plus shipping and handling.

## **Sustaining our Soils and Society**

The booklet, Sustaining Our Soils and Society, and the colorful poster, Soils Sustain Life, offer new tools for raising awareness and understanding of our soil resources. The 64-page full-color booklet contains a copy of the poster which includes a student activity on the back. CONTACT: American Geological Institute, 4220 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302-1502 or order online at [www.agiweb.org](http://www.agiweb.org) ISBN 0-922152-50-0.

## **Dirt- Secrets in the Soil**

A collection of classroom activities (in the Project Learning Tree style) designed to introduce soils to 3-5 graders. Some material is specific to Utah, but most can be adapted for use in other states. A companion video features segments to complement each lesson. CONTACT: The website: <http://extension.usu.edu/AITC/resources/soils.html> also available for purchase from Utah Ag in the Classroom (lesson plans are free on the web)

## **SUDIA – Southeast United Dairy Industry Association**

Free dairy education teacher packets for Second and Fourth Grade Teachers. Includes field trip tips, Videos, lesson plans and handouts. For more information contact: SUDIA, 521 Saber Drive, Cheseapeake VA 23322, 800-845-6112 or 757-312-9324.

## **Don't Treat Soil Like Dirt?**

A resource kit for soil conservation education including: 17 cross-curriculum lessons; Extensive background information, activities, and student handouts; Over 40 activities, including ready-to-use student handouts; Advanced supplement and follow-up; Soil ecosystem poster and Youthful Outlook: Soil the Vanishing Act video. For more information visit: [http:// www.ontarionature.org](http://www.ontarionature.org) (Shop FON – under Teaching Naturally).

## **Website links to other agriculture education resources:**

4-H Virtual Farm <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtualfarm/>

5 A Day- Just For Kids <http://www.dole5aday.com>

D.J. Spot's Tooned-In Menus [http:// www.schoolmenu.com](http://www.schoolmenu.com)

Dole Fun For Kids <http://www.dole.com/kids/index.html>

FFA Food for America Program [http:// www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids <http://www.fs4jk.org>

Got Milk? <http://www.got-milk.com>

National 4-H Council <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>

NASS Kids Page <http://www.usda.gov/nass/nasskids/nasskids.htm>

Pork 4 Kids <http://www.pork4kids.com>

Wheat Mania <http://wheatmania.com>

Why Milk <http://whymilk.com>

National Ag Day <http://www.agday.org>

The Dirt on Soil <http://school.discovery.com/schooladventures/soil/index.html>

Soil-Smart Worm [www.nhw.nrcs.usda.gov/CCS/squlnm/skworm.html](http://www.nhw.nrcs.usda.gov/CCS/squlnm/skworm.html)