

# Illinois

# Ag in the Classroom

RESOURCES FOR PRESERVICE TEACHERS

## IAITC AT-A-GLANCE

- Part of a nation-wide program whose mission is to increase ag literacy through K-12 education
- Create standards-based, cross-curricular lessons for K-12 teachers
- Have county-level education coordinators to come into your classrooms
- Provide summer teacher training throughout the state
- Provide FREE resources to IL teachers
- Promote ag-accurate literature

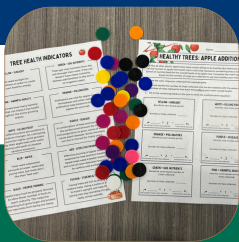


[www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org)



# Online Resources

We have a variety of resources on our website that have been created with your classroom in mind.



## LESSONS

Standards-based, cross-curricular lessons from a variety of agriculture topics



## BOOKS

Ag-accurate children's books, graphic novels, and young adult novels from some of our favorite authors



## NAITC

National Ag in the Classroom hosts lessons and resources submitted from many other state AITC programs



## IAITC VIDEOS

Videos that are ready for your students! Bee School, IL Eggs in the Classroom, virtual field trips, author interviews, and more!



## IL AG HISTORY WEBSITE

Learn how the history of Illinois is rooted in agriculture



# Grant Opportunities

We offer two grants each academic year to Illinois K-12 content area teachers.

## Book Grant

Choose up to \$250 of ag-accurate books curated by IAITC.

## Project Grant

Receive up to \$300 for materials for an agricultural-focused project.

These grants are open for application every July and are due in October. Our Get-a-Grant Virtual Workshop is held in August and offers teachers more insights on the grants and examples of past recipients. Follow us on social media for reminders!

# Print Resources

Our non-fiction texts cover a variety of agriculture topics for different grade levels. These can also be found on our website.



Facts for Little Readers

**K-1**

Junior Ag Mags

**2-3**

Ag Mags\*

**4-6**

Readers

**7+**

\*Ag Mags are four page, full color magazines that come in packs of 30 for FREE! Contact your County Ag Literacy Coordinator to get your free sets.

## Summer Ag Institutes

Summer Ag Institutes are hosted throughout the state by our Ag Literacy Coordinators every summer. These workshops focus on helping teachers expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture -- food, soil health, farming, pollinators, and more!

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professional  
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unique field  
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materials

current  
issues  
from ag  
experts



# Contact your County Coordinator

No matter where you live in the state of Illinois, we have a local contact person to help you find ways to increase ag literacy with your students and bring agriculture into the classroom.

Use the QR code to  
contact your County Ag  
Literacy Coordinator  
today!



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## Looking for More?



[iaitc.co/Preservice](https://iaitc.co/Preservice)

Find lesson plans  
curated especially for  
pre-service teachers!



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