

WHAT IS FARM BUREAU?

They say everything's bigger in Texas. That's why we pledge to empower Texans—from farmers to ranchers to everyone in between—with a big voice. We're over 500,000 member-families strong!

For more than 80 years, we've done whatever it takes to get the attention of those at the top. That means you can turn to us for insight into a current policy or to enact local and statewide change. And because our organization is made up of members who cherish the Texas way of life as much as you do, you know we'll do right for you and by you.

Experience Agriculture

Our message is communicated through:

- Agricultural Fairs
- Farm Tours
- Teacher Workshops
- Summer Agricultural Institute
- Mobile Learning Barns
- Planet Agriculture
- Agriculture in the Classroom
- School Visit Program
- Garden Grants



Texas Farm Bureau is guided by these principles:

- Work for the profitability of agriculture
- Protect private property rights
- Preserve the land and environment
- Enhance food safety and supply

Our mission is to be the Voice of Texas Agriculture.

Our vision is for all Texans to benefit from a prosperous agriculture that provides for a viable, long-term domestic source of food, fiber and fuel.

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SUMMER AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE 2017

JUNE 5-8 • WACO, TX



Texans love their food, and it takes a lot to satisfy appetites as big as the Lone Star State. That's why Texas farmers and ranchers grow everything from beef to wheat to oranges in every corner of the state. They clothe you, too—growing cotton for t-shirts and wool for suits. In fact, farmers and ranchers do their job so well that Texas ag receipts, including timber, average \$20 billion annually.

The Summer Agricultural Institute helps teachers solve the mystery of how food and fiber moves from the farm to Texas consumers. It is a four-day professional development seminar that helps educators understand farming and ranching and shows ways to incorporate lessons about agriculture into the curriculum.

Most students have probably never visited a farm or ranch. Most of their parents have little understanding of the huge impact agriculture has in our daily lives. While only 2 percent of Texans grow food, nearly 20 percent are employed in related businesses, such as food and fiber processing, marketing, transportation and finances. That adds up to more than \$100 billion to keep Texas strong.

Source: Texas Department of Agriculture



INFORMATION YOU CAN TRUST

We know the heart of Texas is its farmers and ranchers. The Summer Agricultural Institute has been, and will continue to be, your trusted source of information to tell their story.

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WHEN AND WHERE: Texas Farm Bureau Conference and Training Center, 7410 Fish Pond Rd., Waco, Texas 76710, June 5-8.

COST: Contact your local county Farm Bureau to arrange for the \$375 scholarship. This includes lodging, meals, curriculum, resources, field trips and associated costs during the week.

ELIGIBILITY: Any active teacher can apply for a scholarship to attend.

CREDITS: All teachers receive 36 hours of Professional Development Credit as authorized by the State Board of Educator Certification.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES: Request an application from your county Farm Bureau office. The county Farm Bureau will forward completed applications to Texas Farm Bureau in Waco. **Contact monaoney@txfb.org for more information. Apply by May 6, 2017.**

WE MAKE AGRICULTURE FUN

The Summer Agricultural Institute offers you an exciting tool box of take-home resources to cultivate fertile young minds.

MATERIALS YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- New fully curriculum-aligned lessons on Water, Plants, Careers and Texas Regions
- Texas Farm Bureau's Beef, Corn, Cotton and Dairy Connections
- Commodity Resources
- American Farm Bureau Federation Resources
- Other related materials



THE LINEUP INCLUDES:

- Hands-on activities with a science focus
- Field trips and tours
- Presentations by experts in the field
- A showcase of Central Texas agriculture
- 36 hours Continuing Professional Development
- Lesson plans correlated to TEKS and STAAR

PAST PARTICIPANTS SAY:

"Far exceeded my expectations."

"I can't thank you enough!"

"Everything was great! Curriculum and materials...I'm speechless."

"I'll come back every year if I can."