

# 2020 TEXAS FARM BUREAU LESSON PLAN CHALLENGE

## Overview

Agriculture is a mystery for some students. But teachers can change that by planting the seed of agriculture in classrooms, helping students cultivate an understanding of how their lives connect to all aspects of agriculture.

Texas Farm Bureau's Lesson Plan Challenge provides a unique opportunity to grow curriculum resources for Texas teachers who want to increase agricultural literacy and awareness across all grades and subject areas.

Submit a complete lesson plan, and if selected, you could take home prizes!

## Participant Information

Certified K-12 teachers submit one completely developed lesson plan that clearly incorporates agriculture into the classroom. Teachers who teach any subject may participate, except for those teaching agricultural courses.

## Judging Components

Complete lesson plans must include supporting materials (i.e. accompanying worksheets, etc.). A citation sheet that includes all sources used is required.

Lessons will be judged in the following four categories. Judges will select a first and second place winner from each category. (8 total)

- K-2
- 3-5
- 6-8
- 9-12

Must include TEKS alignment for the appropriate subject/s and grade level

Must select at least one National Ag Literacy Outcome that the lesson aligns with

- 5 National Ag Literacy Outcomes (Click to view)
  - Agriculture and the Environment
  - Plants and Animals for Food, Fiber, and Energy
  - Food, Health, and Lifestyle
  - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
  - Culture, Society, Economy, and Geography

Is the submitting teacher the sole author of the lesson plan? If not, a primary author is required, and all secondary authors must be listed.

## **Awards:**

### All Participants

Each teacher who submits a complete lesson plan will receive a classroom garden kit that will include a 32-cell starter tray, 32 soil pucks and 10 packs of seeds.

Each teacher who submits a complete lesson plan will also receive either the American Farm Bureau Foundation book of the year (younger grades) and the educator's guide or a higher-level book (for higher-level grades).

### First and Second Place Winners

A first and second place winner will be selected for each category. (8 total winners)

All first and second place winners will have their lesson plans considered for inclusion as a curriculum resource on Texas Farm Bureau's website.

Winners will receive one digital microscope for use in the classroom and \$300 to purchase classroom supplies. *(Teachers will have to submit a summary of what they purchased using the winning funds)*

The first place winners will also receive an all-expense paid trip to the 2021 National Ag in the Classroom Annual Conference.

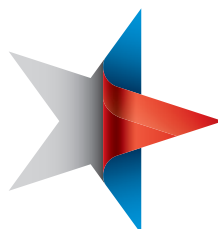
## **How to Submit Lesson Plans:**

**Click here** to submit your lesson plan and supporting documents, as well as the required citation sheet.

**Submissions are due by July 24.**

## **Contact:**

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