

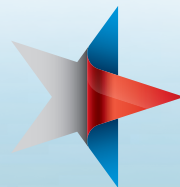
# Monthly M-AG-nificence

Thank you for offering this learning opportunity to your students! The Texas Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Monthly M-AG-nificence resource calendar is intended to provide educators with easy access to free, TEKS-aligned resources as they relate to ag-related holidays. Through the use of this resource, it is our hope that K-5 students will engage with content that expands their understanding of how agriculture plays a role in every part of our lives.

The layout of the Monthly M-AG-nificence resource calendar is simple: there is a dedicated page for each month, spotlighting two ag-related holidays. Under each holiday header, you will find a K-2 lesson, a 3-5 lesson, a recommended book, and an additional resource. These free resources are linked. An example of the layout is provided to the right.

For questions, contact the Texas Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom team at [edoutreach@txfb.org](mailto:edoutreach@txfb.org).

*Consult your school's food in the classroom policy prior to facilitating activities that include food tastings.*



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**Holiday  
Date**

**Holiday**

**K-2 Lesson:  
(linked here)**

**3-5 Lesson:  
(linked here)**

**Recommended Book:  
(book title here)**

**Additional Resource:  
(linked here)**

# JANUARY

## 11

### National Milk Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**

[It's a MOO-stery! Activity 1](#)

**3-5 Lesson:**

[A Day Without Dairy](#)

**Recommended Book:**

*Chuck's Ice Cream Wish:  
Tales of the Dairy Godmother*  
By Viola Butler

**Additional Resources:**

[Rise of the Moo-chines](#)  
[Robotic Dairy Video](#)

[Dairy Connection Publication](#)



## 24

### National Peanut Butter Day

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**K-2 Lesson:** [Homemade Peanut Butter](#)

**3-5 Lesson:**

[Nuts About Peanuts!](#)

**Recommended Book:**

*PB&J Hooray!*  
By Janet Nolan

**Additional Resource:**

[Meet a Peanut Farmer Video](#)



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate:** Jan. 6 | National Bean Day • Jan. 9 | National Apricot Day

# FEBRUARY

**11**

## National Inventor's Day

**K-2 Lesson:**

**John Deere, That's Who!**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**Think in Pictures: Like Dr. Grandin**

**Recommended Books:**

*John Deere, That's Who!*

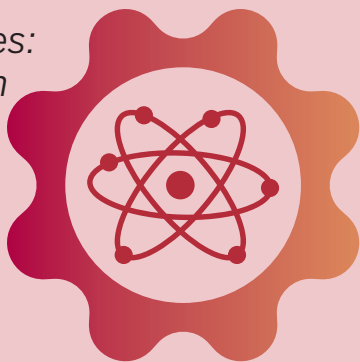
By Tracy Nelson Maurer

*The Girl Who Thought in Pictures:  
The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin*

By Julia Finley Mosca

**Additional Resource:**

**Rubber Boot Buddy Video**



**27**

## National Strawberry Day

**K-2 Lesson:**

**Freshest Fruits**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**Bunches of Berries**

**Recommended Book:**

*I Love Strawberries*

By Shannon Anderson

**Additional Resources:**

**Strawberry  
Farmer Video**

**Strawberry  
Activity Book**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: Feb. 17 | National Cabbage Day • Feb. 28 | National Floral Design Day**

# MARCH

18

## National Agriculture Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
**A Search for the Source**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**A Day Without Agriculture**

**Recommended Book:**

*Right This Very Minute*  
By Lisl H. Detlefsen

**Additional Resource:**  
**Commodity Map**



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## National Potato Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Potatoes: More Than Fries**

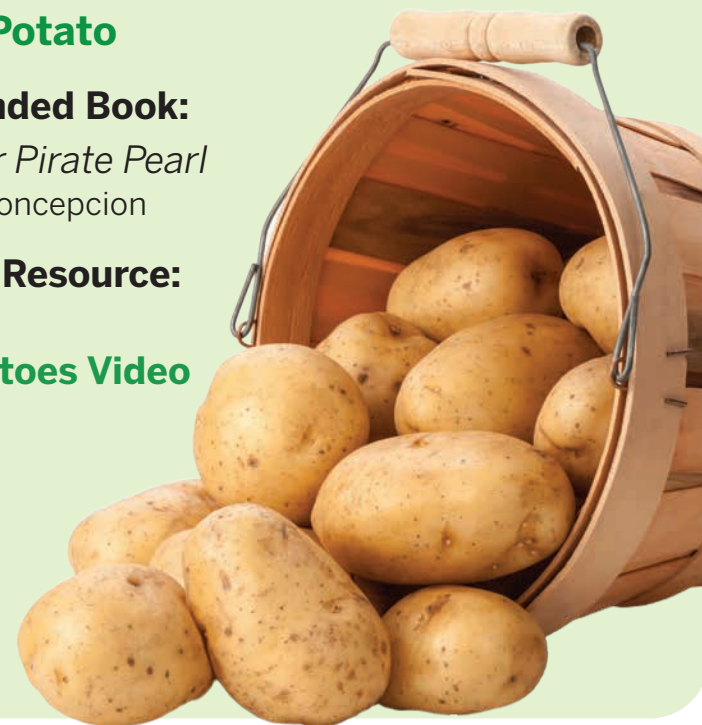
**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Powerful Potato**

**Recommended Book:**

*Potatoes for Pirate Pearl*  
By Jennifer Concepcion

**Additional Resource:**

**Tater Time**  
**Texas Potatoes Video**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: March 20 | World Flour Day • March 24 | National Women in Ag Day**

# APRIL

# 10

## National Farm Animal Day

**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Farm Animal Life Cycles**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Got Guts?**

**Recommended Books:**

*Barn at Night*  
By Michelle Houts

*National Geographic Kids:  
Farm Animals*  
By Joanne Mattern

**Additional Resource:**  
**Livestock Flowchart**



# 14

## National Gardening Day

**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Farming in a Glove**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Farming in a Glove**

**Recommended Book:**

*Tops and Bottoms*  
By Janet Stevens

**Additional Resource:**  
**Planting Activity Booklet**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: April 4 | National Carrot Day • April 14 | National Pecan Day**



# MAY

## 21

### National Fruit and Vegetable Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Fruit and Vegetable Bingo**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**My Life as a Fruit or Vegetable**

**Recommended Books:**

*The Ugly Vegetables*

By Grace Lin

*Full of Beans: Henry Ford Grows a Car*

By Peggy Thomas

**Additional Resource:**

**Field of Beans**  
**Texas Green**  
**Beans Video**



## 31

### National Autonomous Vehicle Day

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**K-2 Lesson: My Robot!**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Robots in High Tech Farming**

**Recommended Book:**

*Outdoor Farm, Indoor Farm*

By Lindsay H. Metcalf

**Additional Resource:**

**Ranch Rover**  
**River McTasney**  
**Video**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: May 4 | Orange Juice Day • May 28 | National Hamburger Day**

# JUNE

**All  
Month  
Long**

## National Pollinator Month

**K-2 Lesson:**

**The Amazing Honey Bee**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**Honey Bees: A Pollination Simulation**

**Recommended Book:**

*Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera*  
By Candace Fleming

**Additional Resources:**

**Bees a Buzz**

**Walker Honey Farm Video**

**Honey Production & Pollinator  
Activity Book**



**4**

## National Cheese Day

**K-2 Lesson:**

**It's a MOO-stery! Activity 2**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**Cheesemaking: From Liquid to Solid**

**Recommended Book:**

*How Did That Get In My Lunchbox?*  
By Chris Butterworth

**Additional Resource:**

**Grilled Cheese Recipe by Texas Table Top**

The art of cheesemaking uses science to transform milk into many varieties of cheese. A career in the cheese production industry requires creativity and skill. Divide students into groups and have them develop an idea for a new cheese product.



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: June 3 | National Egg Day • June 5 | World Environment Day**



# JULY

20

## National Ice Cream Day

**K-2 Lesson:**

**Milk, Sugar, Science:  
Engineering Ice Cream**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**A Day Without Dairy**

**Recommended Book:**

*Ice Cream: The Full Scoop*  
By Gail Gibbons

**Additional Resource:**

**Homemade Vanilla  
Ice Cream  
from Texas Table Top**



26

## National Day of the Cowboy

**K-2 Lesson: [What's Your Brand?](#)**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**Making a Brand for Ourselves  
the "Cowboy" Way**

**Recommended Books:**

*Ranch Life Series with  
Hank the Cowdog:  
Cowboys and Horses*  
By John R. Erickson

*Cowboys and Cowgirls:  
Yippee Yay!*  
By Gail Gibbons

**Additional Resource:**

**Handmade Hats  
Catalena Hatters Video**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: [July 9 | Cow Appreciation Day](#) • [July 14 | Mac & Cheese Day](#)**



# AUGUST

3

## National Watermelon Day

**K-2 Lesson:**  
Freshest Fruits

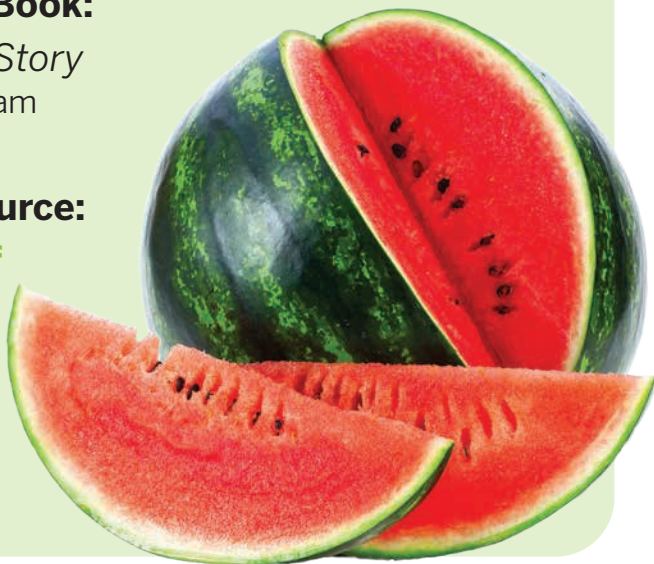
**3-5 Lesson:**  
FoodMASTER: Fruits

**Recommended Book:**

*The Watermelon Story*  
by Georgiana de Rham

**Additional Resource:**

A Sweet Slice of  
Summer Video



26

## National Farm Dog Day

**K-2 Lesson:** My Farm Dog

**3-5 Lesson:**  
Ranch Life Series with  
Hank the Cowdog  
Book 1: Ranching and  
Livestock Activity  
Guide Activity 1

**Recommended Book:**

*Ranch Life Series  
with Hank the Cowdog*  
by John Erickson

**Additional Resource:**  
Farm Dog Activity Book



# SEPTEMBER

**All  
Month  
Long**

## National Chicken Month

**K-2 Lesson:**

**From Chicken Little to Chicken Big**

**3-5 Lesson:**

**From Chicken Little to Chicken Big**

**Recommended Book:**

*Chicks and Chickens*  
by Gail Gibbons

**Additional Resources:**

**Poultry Connection Publication**

**Poultry Commodity Poster**



**26**

## National Pancake Day

**K-2 Lesson:  
Pancakes!**

**3-5 Lesson:  
Pancakes! Activity 1**

**Recommended Book:**

*Pancakes, Pancakes!*  
By Eric Carle

**Additional Resource:**

**Amber Waves  
in the Rolling Plains  
Video**



Other Ag Days to Celebrate: Sept. 5 | National Food Bank Day • Sept. 15 | National Farm Safety & Health Week

# OCTOBER

7

## National Taco Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Milk or Meat? Beef or Dairy?**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Beef Basics**

**Recommended Book:**  
*So, You Want To Grow A Taco?*  
By Bridget Heos

**Additional Resources:**  
**Grazing the Steaks**  
**'Meat' a Rancher Video**  
**Beef Connection**  
**Publication**



26

## National Pumpkin Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
**The Case of the Missing Pumpkin**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Pumpkins... Not Just for Halloween**

**Recommended Book:**  
*Pumpkin Jack*  
By Will Hubbell

**Additional Resources:**  
**Pumpkin Video**  
**Pumpkin Activity Book**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: Oct. 12 | National Farmers Day • Oct. 28 | World Chocolate Day**

# NOVEMBER

8

## National Stem Day

**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Pigs on the Farm**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Let's Raise a Barn**

**Recommended Book:**

*Josephine and Her Dishwashing Machine*  
By Kate Hannigan

**Additional Resource:**

**Technology in Agriculture Poster**



17

## National Butter Day

**K-2 Lesson:**  
**Butter Up**

**3-5 Lesson:**  
**Whipping Butter into Shape**

**Recommended Book:**

*All in Just One Cookie*  
By Susan E. Goodman

**Additional Resource:**

**Butter Poster**



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: National Peanut Butter Month • Nov. 21 | National Rural Health Day**

# DECEMBER

8

## World Soil Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
The Soil We Grow In

**3-5 Lesson:**  
Caring for the Land

**Recommended Book:**

*The Soil in Jackie's Garden*  
By Peggy Thomas

**Additional Resource:**

*The Dirt Book: Poems About the Animals that Live Beneath Our Feet*  
By David Harrison



17

## National Maple Syrup Day

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**K-2 Lesson:**  
From Sap to Syrup

**3-5 Lesson:**  
Pancakes! Activity 2

**Recommended Book:**

*The Sweetest Season*  
By Elissa Kerr

**Additional Resource:**

Pour a small amount of maple syrup into cups for each student. Students will use their senses to observe real maple syrup. They will first look and smell, before slowly sipping it. Have a class discussion about their observations.



**Other Ag Days to Celebrate: Dec. 12 | National Poinsettia Day • Dec. 13 | National Day of the Horse**