

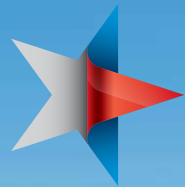
Monthly M-ag-nificence

Thank you for offering this learning opportunity to your students! The Texas Farm Bureau ag calendar was created with the intent of providing educators with easy access to the free, TEKS-aligned resources, as they relate to ag-related holidays. Through the calendar, it is our hope that K-5 students will begin to understand how agriculture plays a role in every part of our lives.

The layout of the ag 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 will be linked. An example of this layout is provided. We hope you enjoy the ag calendar!

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

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](#)



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National Peanut Butter Day

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!

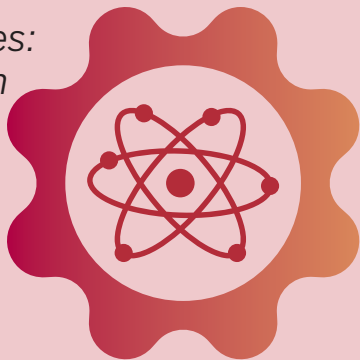
By Tracy Nelson Maurer

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

By Julia Finley Mosca

Additional Resource:

Rubber Boot Buddy Video



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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

14

National Potato Chip Day

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



24

National Agriculture Day

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



Other Ag Days to Celebrate: March 1 | National Pig Day • March 20 | World Flour 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 Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day

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



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National Autonomous Vehicle Day

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**

Pollinator Connection



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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



19

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**



25

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 6 | National Fried Chicken 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



Other Ag Days to Celebrate: August 8 | National Zucchini Day • August 31 | National Trail Mix Day

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. 4 | National Food Bank Day • Sept. 21 | National Farm Safety & Health Week

OCTOBER

4

National Taco Day

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

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 | National 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**



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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. 19 | National Rural Health Day

DECEMBER

5

World Soil Day

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

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