



### Background:

The Merced County Farm Bureau is a non-profit grassroots organization that advocates for farmers, ranchers and dairy families in Merced County. For many students, both in rural and urban areas, the understanding of where food and fiber comes from and the impact agriculture has on their daily lives is many times misunderstood. To aid in informing local students about agriculture the Merced County Farm Bureau hosts an annual FARM2U Day for local third grade students to participate in. On average FARM2U Day hosts 2,400 students, teachers, and volunteers. In addition, Merced County Farm Bureau staff participates in a number of on-campus Agriculture Days. Although this is a valiant effort by our organization, volunteers, and educators we know that there are thousands of students that are missing out on the opportunity to learn about the importance of agriculture. For this reason, we have created this rewards program. The program is available to TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes including resource and special needs. The winner of this rewards program will receive \$500 to be used toward classroom supplies, these supplies need not be related any particular agriculture lesson.

### Objective:

A teacher (or group of teachers) must incorporate at least one agriculturally based lesson into their curriculum between November 1, 2019 and January 24, 2020 and submit a completed application for review.

### Process:

- Educators must incorporate an agriculturally based lesson/activity
- Fill out attached application
- Photograph the activity/lesson
  - at least five (5) photos of students' involvement must be submitted
- Teachers are allowed to submit multiple applications (one per topic/activity)
- Submit the application by **February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** for review
- Applications are accepted by
  - Mail: P.O. Box 1232 Merced, CA 95301 (*Must be postmarked by February 3, 2020*)
  - Delivery: 646 S. Highway 59 Merced, CA 95341
  - Email: [bramos@mercedfarmbureau.org](mailto:bramos@mercedfarmbureau.org) or [dflake@mercedfarmbureau.org](mailto:dflake@mercedfarmbureau.org)
- Additional applications can be found at <https://www.mercedfarmbureau.org/>

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### Guidelines:

- Application will be judged on the following:
  - Overall student impact
  - Creativity
  - Relation to Merced County Agriculture
- Must be a TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade class within Merced County
  - TK-6<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education and resource classes are encouraged to apply
- School Garden activities are applicable, please list the activities your class has done in the garden and any related in-class lessons
- If your school participated in an Ag Day please list presentations your students participated in and the school's organizing teachers
- **Applications are due February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**\*Please note Merced County Farm Bureau office is closed December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 - January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020\***

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Lesson Plan/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief explanation of lesson/activity:

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Please attach any additional documents

- You can attach the lesson PowerPoint, students' examples, additional photos, etc.

Length of time:

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Number of students involved:

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# AG LESSON PLAN RESOURCES

National Agriculture in the Classroom

<https://www.agclassroom.org/>

The California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

<https://learnaboutag.org/>

Merced County Cooperative Extension

<http://cemerced.ucanr.edu/>

Merced County Ag Commissioner Report

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us>

Almond Board of California

[www.almonds.com](http://www.almonds.com)

California Milk Advisory Board

<https://www.realcaliforniamilk.com/>

The California Sweetpotato Council

<http://www.casweetpotatoes.com>

California Beef Council

<https://www.calbeef.org/resources/education>

