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WHO WE ARE



NAAE wants <u>YOU</u> to become an agricultural educator.

Welcome to the #TeachAg Student Interactive Notebook!
Inside, you'll find fun activities that help you picture yourself as an agriculture teacher and explore the aspects of this phenomenal career. This notebook is also a great way to celebrate your amazing agriculture teacher and all the cool things they do. Jump in, get inspired, and see if teaching agriculture might be the future for you!

Agricultural educators are in high demand, and we need you in the classroom!

What is the National Association of Agricultural Educators?

The National Association of Agricultural Educators is a federation of state agricultural educators associations with more than 9,500 members. Our members are involved in school-based agricultural education at any level, from middle school through postsecondary, and state and national agricultural education leadership. We advocate for agricultural education, provide professional development for agricultural educators, and work to recruit and retain agricultural educators in the profession. We offer a variety of programs and services to support this three-pronged mission.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity

NAAE is committed to advancing, in our organization and communities, inclusion, diversity and equity. The choice to create a just and equitable organization is not accidental. We intentionally prioritize fostering an inclusive environment that ensures people are respected and valued. We are committed to creating and supporting programs and policies that build an organization that values open communication and is respectful of differences.

CREATE A PERSONAL INVENTORY

In the space below, let's take an inventory of the skill set you currently have, this could be a great tool to help you build a resume.

What are my strengths?	What skills do I possess?
What interests me?	What's important to me?
What agriculture classes have I taken?	What organizations/clubs am I involved in?

AG ED 101

Teaching agriculture gives you the opportunity to work with MANY organizations and provide MANY opportunities to students. Below, let's match the definitions to the term. Draw a line from the definition to the matching term.

TERMS

DEFINITIONS

SAE

National Association of Agricultural Educators

MANRRS

4-H

My Local Cooperative

CDEs and LDEs

Local Fair Board

NAAE #TeachAg

National FFA Organization The professional association in the United States for agricultural educators. This organization provides its more than 9,000 members with professional networking and development opportunities, and extensive awards and recognition programs.

A student leadership organization of more than 1,000,000 members across the nation. This organization makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

A group of individuals that manage and operate a county fair and publish the Fair Premium Book ever year.

Students taking agriculture classes develop one of these, in cooperation with their agriculture teacher, to develop entrepreneurship, record keeping and employment skills.

A collaborative project of NAAE and the CHS Foundation that seeks to advance agriculture cooperatives.

An initiative led by NAAE to raise awareness of the need to recruit and retain high quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture and celebrate the positive contributions agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities.

A national society that welcomes membership of people of all racial and ethnic group participation in agricultural and related sciences careers.

Contests that help students develop the abilities to think critically, communicate clearly, and perform effectively in a competitive job market.

A youth development program that's available in the United States and over 80 other countries. It's open to young people ages 5–19 who want to learn new skills, have fun, and explore the world.

#TEACHAG WORD SEARCH

There may be hidden qualities within yourself that would make you a ROCKSTAR ag teacher. Find below 20 hidden words that relate to being an ag teacher. Option: Pick a partner and see who can find all of the words in the shortest amount of time.



Agriculture Teacher
Agriscience
Best Career Ever
Boundless Classroom
Certification
CHS Foundation
Curriculum

FFA Advisor
Inclusion
Leadership
Leading
Learning
Limitless Learning
Make a Difference

Mentor Motivate My Local Cooperative SAE Shaping the Future Teach Ag

WHY TEACH AGRICULTURE?

Have you ever thought about becoming an agriculture teacher?

Teaching agriculture is the BEST. CAREER. EVER!

Agriculture teachers never have the same day twice. One day, you may be in the classroom or laboratory, the next visiting students in the field, preparing teams for a FFA Leadership Development Event, or leading a community service activity with their Junior MANRRS Chapter.



- · Teach by doing, not just telling.
- · Share their passion for agriculture.
- · Create lessons that are hands-on.
- Travel in state, nationally, and even internationally.
- Teach about cutting edge topics, like cloning, satellite mapping, biofuels, alternative energy and more.
- Work with emerging technology from agribusiness companies.
- Make a positive difference in the lives of students.
- Develop lasting relationships with colleagues across the country.

Want to learn more about becoming an agriculture teacher? Scan the QR Code to join NAAE's National #TeachAg Campaign!



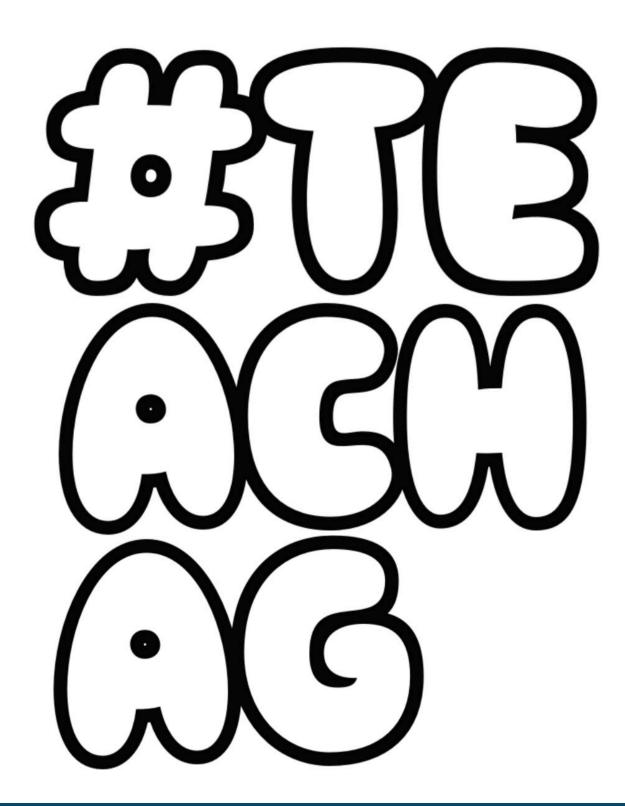






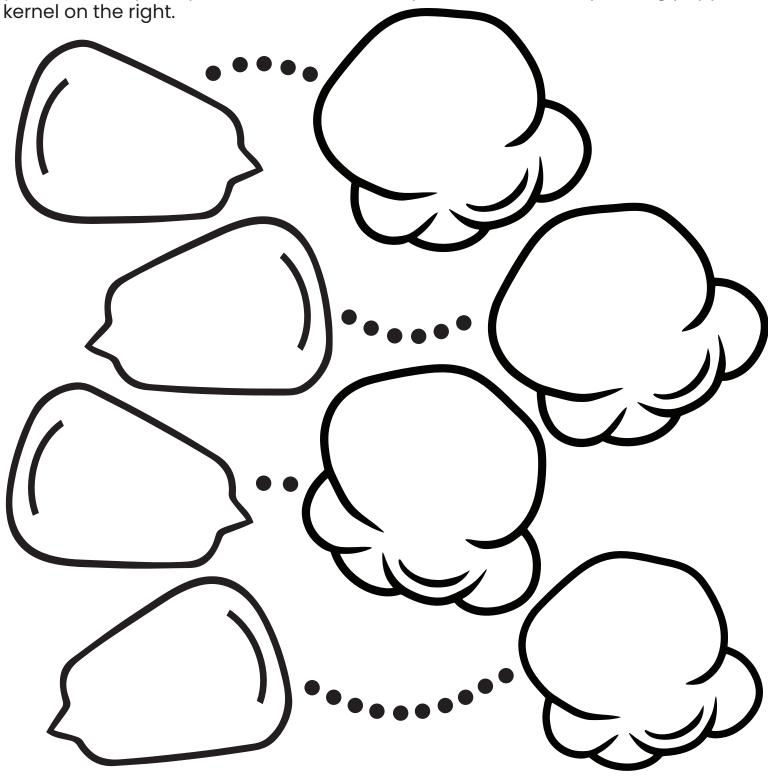
#TEACHAG BUBBLE LETTERS

On the previous page there were many reasons to #TeachAg. Using the space in the bubble letters write as many reasons you can think of to #TeachAg. Challenge: Pick a partner and challenge each other with the amount of reasons. The person with the most reasons win!



POPCORN INTERVIEW WITH AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER

In each unpopped corn kernel on the left, think of one question you'd like to ask your agriculture teacher about their career and write it down in the kernel. Once you ask them your question, record their response in the corresponding popped



THE #TEACHAG ALPHABET

Think of a word for each letter of the alphabet related to teaching agriculture and write it below.

A	_ N
В	_ O
C	_ P
D	_ Q
E	_ R
F	_ S
G	_ т
н	_ U
I	_ V
J	_ W
K	_ X
L	_ Y
M	

CREATE AN AG TEACHER CREATURE

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THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME GROW

Using the graphic below, list your five favorite things about your agriculture class. When it's complete use scissors to cut on the dotted line and give to your agriculture teacher to hang your answers somewhere in your classroom!

Nam	e:
Th	ank you for helping me grow!
Here	are my five favorite things about my agriculture class
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

AG TEACHER'S CREED



I am an agricultural educator by choice and not by chance.

I believe in American agriculture; I dedicate my life to its development and the advancement of its people.

I will strive to set before my students by my deeds and actions the highest standards of citizenship for the community, state and nation.

I will endeavor to develop professionally through study, travel and exploration.

I will not knowingly wrong my fellow teachers. I will defend them as far as honesty will permit.

I will work for the advancement of agricultural education and I will defend it in my community, state and nation.

I realize that I am a part of the school system. I will work in harmony with school authorities and other teachers of the school.

My love for youth will spur me on to impart something from my life that will help make for each of my students a full and happy future.

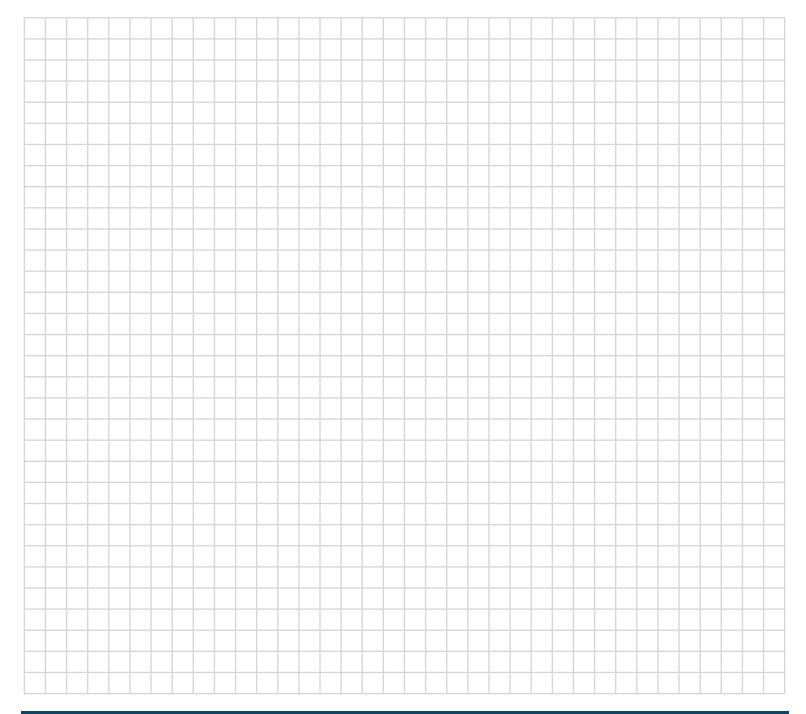
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MY PERSONAL CREED

After reading the Ag Teacher's Creed on the previous page, pick one line of the creed. In the space below, explain how the line you selected aligns with a belief or value that you possess.

DESIGN YOUR DREAM CLASSROOM

In the space below, draw your perfect agriculture classroom. Think about the following as you create your design: What classes are you teaching? Are you teaching animal science, plant science, agriculture mechanics, or maybe all of them? What are your teacher must-haves? Consider the tools, equipment, and resources you would need. Do you want a greenhouse, a shop, or a garden? How about a space for student projects or a comfy reading corner? Be creative and have fun designing a classroom that's perfect for you and your future students!



A LETTER TO MY AGRICULTURE TEACHER

Agriculture teachers provide opportunities for growth and limitless learning. They are there for your brightest moments and the most challenging times. They challenge you, cheer you on, and push you to your fullest potential. They believe in you, encourage you, and most importantly they will always be there for you (yes, even after you graduate). Write a letter to your ag teacher thanking them for the countless hours they pour into you, your program, and community. Think about how they've inspired and impacted you.

Dear,	
	Sincerely,