

2026 NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs**Wednesday, October 21, 2026**

10:30–11:45 a.m.

Sweet Sheep Genetics**NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs****Powered by: Corteva AgriScience™****Presenters: NAAE National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

As we push the boundaries of livestock advancements, new challenges and groundbreaking solutions emerge. Here is your chance to immerse yourself into genetics while gaining a hands-on activity to introduce into your classroom with the latest genetic innovation. In this workshop, you will crossbreed sheep and predict which genetic diseases may show up – diseases the industry is working hard to eliminate. Get ready to roll up your sleeves and engage in a real-world activity that showcases an effective way to practice predicting dihybrid crosses, using Punnett Squares, etc. This is not just any workshop – It's an adventure in genetics that will leave you inspired and equipped with practical knowledge to bring back to your classroom.

1:30–2:45 p.m.

The Grizzly Greenhouse Mystery! A Mysterious Twist on Floral Identification**NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs****Powered by: Corteva AgriScience™****Presenters: NAAE National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

Ready to turn your classroom into a thrilling mystery investigation? Join this workshop where you will dive into the fascinating world of flower morphology and become detectives in a high-stakes investigation! Get hands-on experience using a dichotomous key to identify floral species, with each correct identification bringing them one step closer to cracking the investigation. By matching plant evidence from the crime scene, you will piece together clues to unmask the prime suspect. This isn't just a lesson that you walk away with—it's an exhilarating blend of science and mystery that will have your students on the edge of their seats. Come learn how you can transform your students into botanical sleuths in the most exciting investigation they'll ever experience!

Thursday, October 22, 2026

9:00–10:15 a.m.

Saying No, So You Can Say Yes to the Most Important**Powered By: CHS****Presenters: NAAE Facilitators****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

Often, we get caught up in the slippery slope of saying yes to everything that comes on to our plate. We do things just because they have always been done that way. But with every yes, we ultimately are saying no to something else. Let's spend some time during the session focusing on our purpose and discussing why it is important to us as ag ed professionals to understand how we can say no so we can say yes to the most important things that will advance our careers and personal lives.

10:30–11:45 a.m.

Curiosity to Career-Ready: Igniting Inquiry in Ag Education**NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs****Powered by: Corteva AgriScience™****Presenters: NAAE National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

Transform your classroom into a space full of limitless learning and career success! This high energy, hands-on workshop will equip you with inquiry-based strategies that seamlessly integrate into any agricultural education pathway. Join us to learn how easy it can be to add inquiry-based instruction to any lesson. Strategies that this workshop will highlight include turning resume writing into a research-based exploration, transforming social media into a powerful marketing tool, and fostering strong communication skills through student-driven discovery. Walk away with these strategies and the skill to ignite curiosity and prepare your students for life beyond the classroom.

1:30–2:45 p.m.

Guess Who to Greenhouse: Making Plant Disorder Classification Click**NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs****Powered by: Corteva AgriScience™****Presenters: NAAE National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

Does your person have glasses? No! Does your person have long hair? Yes! How does the game "Guess Who" relate to plant disorders? Join us as we explore strategies for engaging students in scientific classification, guiding them through the process of building their own dichotomous keys, and challenging their critical thinking all while keeping learning active and exciting.

3:00–4:15 p.m.

Growing Strong: Building Resilience as an Ag Educator**Powered By: CHS****Presenters: NAAE Facilitators****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

Being an ag teacher is demanding work, but it's also some of the most meaningful work out there. Between long hours, competitions, classroom management, and community commitments, it's easy to feel stretched thin. But just like the crops and students we nurture, we can grow stronger through challenges. Join us for an engaging, supportive session focused on building your personal and professional resilience. You'll explore ways to rediscovering joy in your teaching. Come connect with fellow ag educators, share experiences, and leave re-energized with tools and ideas to sustain a fulfilling career through every season of teaching.

Friday, October 23, 2026

9:00–10:15 a.m.

When Pigs Fly! Introducing Inquiry to Middle or High School Students**NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs****Powered by: Corteva AgriScience™****Presenters: NAAE National Agriscience Teacher Ambassadors****NAAE Agriscience Learning Labs – Room 145, ICC**

Can pigs really fly? Maybe. More importantly, can your students think critically to solve challenges? Absolutely, if you attend this workshop. Join us as we share a memorable way to “launch” inquiry for your middle school and/or high school students. This fun, exciting, and classroom-ready inquiry activity will immediately capture your student’s attention. In this interactive workshop, take flight and explore how one simple challenge can introduce inquiry, experimentation, exploration, and critical thinking from day one. Leave with ideas to build excitement and establish a culture of curiosity in your classroom.



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