

# National Teach Ag Campaign

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### GROWTH ENERGY WILL SERVE AS THE SEVENTH ANNUAL NATIONAL TEACH AG DAY LIVE CELEBRATION HOST

Lexington, KY –Growth Energy, the largest trade organization for U.S. ethanol producers and supporters will host the 2016 live National Teach Ag Day celebration at one of their affiliate sites, POET LLC, in Sioux Falls, S.D. on Thursday, September 22. National Teach Ag Day recognizes agriculture teachers for their positive impact and encourages others to pursue a career as an agriculture teacher.

Agricultural education is the premiere model for delivering hands-on instruction, leadership development, and experiential learning to students in more than 8,000 classrooms every day. At the heart of the agricultural education programs are agriculture teachers who are inspiring the next generation of leaders, problem solvers, entrepreneurs and agriculturalists. "Agriculture teachers make learning come alive for students of all backgrounds and abilities," said Ellen Thompson, National Teach Ag Campaign Project Director. "The demand for agriculture teachers has never been greater as we look to the next generation to solve our most pressing environmental and food security issues."

The live webcast event will include special appearances by leaders in agriculture and agricultural education, panels of current and future agriculture teachers, satellite location feeds across the country, and a future agriscience teacher symposium. There will be opportunities for individuals celebrating across the nation to join in through social media and video conferencing.

"Today's students are tomorrow's leaders in agriculture, and no one prepares them to rise up and meet the challenges that lie ahead like ag teachers," said Tom Buis, Growth Energy Co Chair and Acting CEO. "We're proud to support National Teach Ag Day and invest in the next generation of hard workers who will fuel America and feed the world."

To log on to the live webcast, or for resources to help you plan your local Teach Ag Day celebration, visit [naae.org/teachag](http://naae.org/teachag).

### About Teach Ag

National Teach Ag Day is a component of the National Teach Ag Campaign, an effort 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 that agriculture teachers make in their schools and communities. The campaign is an initiative of the National Council for Agricultural Education, led by the National Association of

Agricultural Educators, and is funded by the CHS Foundation, DuPont Pioneer and Growth Energy as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. For more about National Teach Ag Day and the National Teach Ag campaign, visit [naae.org/teachag](http://naae.org/teachag).

### About Growth Energy

Growth Energy represents the producers and supporters of ethanol who feed the world and fuel America in ways that achieve energy independence, improve economic well-being and create a healthier environment for all Americans now. For more information, please visit us at [www.GrowthEnergy.org](http://www.GrowthEnergy.org), follow us on Twitter @GrowthEnergy or connect with us on Facebook.

### About POET

POET, one of the world's largest ethanol producers, is a leader in biorefining through its efficient, vertically integrated approach to production. The 25-year-old company has a production capacity in excess of 1.6 billion gallons of ethanol and 9 billion pounds of high-protein animal feed annually from its network of 27 production facilities. POET also operates a pilot-scale cellulosic bio-ethanol plant, which uses corn cobs, leaves, husk and some stalk as feedstock, and expects to commercialize the process in Emmetsburg, Iowa through its joint venture with DSM. For more information, visit <http://www.poet.com>.



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