



National Teach Ag Campaign

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VIRTUAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PLANNED FOR MARCH 15

Event will be streamed live online from Buena Park, Calif.

The agriculture program at Buena Park High School in Buena Park, Calif. has been selected as the site for the first ever national Teach Ag Day celebration to be streamed live online.

Anyone logging in on March 15 will be able to watch an agriscience class in action, as well as follow along on a program tour. Participants will get an insider's view of the agriculture department's state-of-the-art agriscience lab, large animal pavilion, greenhouse, farm store, 350-tree orchard, and facility that houses 200 laying hens. Events will also include a panel of agricultural education experts answering questions via Twitter, Facebook and email, plus greetings from National FFA Central Region vice president Alicia Hodnik.

The program, led by agriculture teachers Jessica Fernandes and Mary Ann Maxfield, was recognized in 2009 as one of the top six agriculture programs in the nation, and the FFA chapter was recognized nationally in 2010. Last year Fernandes received an Outstanding Agriculture Teacher award from the National Association of Agricultural Educators, an honor that comes with a two-year lease on a Toyota Tundra.

"This is going to be a great event," said Ellen Thompson, National Teach Ag Coordinator. "Buena Park is the perfect place to show how rewarding, challenging and fun a career as an agricultural educator can be. We hope anyone who is interested in agricultural education will log on – whether they want see if it's the right career for them, ask a question, or just see some really cool stuff."

Visit <http://www.naae.org/teachag/live2012.php> for information about how to log on and ask questions via social media and email.

National Teach Ag Day is a component of the National Teach Ag Campaign, an effort to bring attention to the need for more agricultural educators in the U.S and celebrate the 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. The campaign is funded by the CHS Foundation and Landmark Nurseries as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. For more about National Teach Ag Day and the National Teach Ag campaign, visit www.naae.org/teachag.

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