



### Florida Ag In The Classroom Awards 22 Teacher Grants

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These grant projects incorporate agricultural concepts into science, history, language arts and math lessons, and include activities such as plant tissue culture propagation, hydroponics, and earth box gardening. Florida Ag in the Classroom curricula and materials will be used to

"Our teacher grant program gives us the chance to provide teachers with the resources they need in their classrooms to bring agricultural concepts to life," said Heather Nedley, chairman of Florida Ag in the Classroom and executive director of Polk County Farm Bureau.

"The applied curriculum provides students with opportunities to learn about plants and other agriculture commodities, and see how these commodities fit into their daily lives," Nedley said.

The purpose of these teacher grants is to help educate students about the importance of Florida agriculture.

"It is essential that Florida teachers incorporate these agricultural concepts into their classrooms through an applied learning experience that Florida Ag in the Classroom makes possible," said Charles Bronson, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"Teachers that utilize the grant program are ensuring the future of the Florida agriculture industry by educating their students about the importance of the industry and the role it plays in providing them with food, fiber and other natural resources," Bronson said.

Florida Ag in the Classroom can provide grant money for teachers because of the funding it receives from the agriculture specialty license plate also called the Ag Tag.

