

## What Attendees are Saying:

*"This experience and journey was amazing. I learned a great deal and it clarified a great deal of misconceptions."*

*"Thank you very much for this great opportunity to learn about the importance about agriculture in our world! I will do my best to share what I have learned with my students."*

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the Ag Institute experience. This will change the way I teach. I am going to try to encourage other teachers at my school to come."*

*"I can't say enough good things about Ag Institute. I loved every day and learned so much new info and ideas that will be included in my 3rd grade classroom. I'm excited to use what I learned."*



Conducting experiments in the Food Science Lab at Penn State.



Learning about the science behind aquaponics.



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Providing educators with  
tools and methods to teach students  
about the origins of food & fiber in their daily lives



Exploring the woods and learning about Forest Management.

## About the Institute

The Educator's Ag Institute is a learning experience that you cannot get anywhere else. For a week during the summer, educators attend sessions and visit farms and other agriculture production sites to learn how food moves from the source to the consumer.

The course is taught by practicing elementary and secondary teachers, industry professionals, and university professors.

Field trips and in-class seminars focus on such topics as nutrition, ecology, agriculture's place in civilization, food uses, the use of integrated pest management, and the relationship between our food and the environment.

Teachers use their personal experiences and information they've received to integrate agriculture into their curriculum while explaining how Pennsylvania's largest industry affects their students lives everyday. Ag Institute is a standards-based program that makes real connections. Several classroom sessions have a STEM focus.



If you are committed to attend, we will work to find a sponsor to cover your workshop fee (includes tuition, housing and meals). You pay only a nominal non-refundable registration fee.

Choice of new sessions and tours are added yearly.



Touring the Penn State University barns to learn about the care of livestock.

## Sample Day at Ag Institute

7:30	Breakfast
8:15	Mini Session or Guest Speaker
9:00	Travel Time
9:30	Tour of Local Farm or PSU Research Site
12:00	Catered Lunch
12:40	Classroom Session I
1:45	Classroom Session II
2:45	Break
3:00	Classroom Session III
4:30	Classroom Session IV
6:30	Catered Dinner *
7:30	Return Travel

*\*One evening – Dinner on your own*

*Times and schedule are approximate and based on previous year's agenda*

## Reasons to Attend:

- ✍ Receive fun-filled, hands-on agricultural projects to integrate into existing curriculum and lessons
- ✍ Cultivate a network of agricultural resource people locally and across the state who can bring the farm to your classroom
- ✍ Earn Act 48 hours and/or Penn State graduate credits
- ✍ Gain ideas, lessons & support materials for great classroom activities
- ✍ Develop a fantastic camaraderie with other PA educators
- ✍ Experience a fun & unique program that you won't find at other conferences
- ✍ Sponsorships for qualified participants

