



Washington Ag in the Classroom promotes agricultural literacy; our outreach activities reflect that purpose.

Every person should know and understand where their food and water come from.

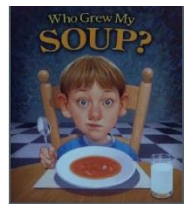
2016-2017 School Year Washington Ag in the Classroom (WAIC) Accomplishments



Our Ag @ School magazine (targeted at 4th graders) continues to be our primary project. Each school year, three FREE issues are mailed to teachers who request subscriptions for their students. The issues focus on a general overview of agriculture, technology, and stewardship; they are supplemented with a teacher's guide aligned to the Common Core standards. We completed the 2016-17 school year with a mailing to 219 educators and 7619 students across Washington State! Magazine subscription increased by 539 magazines in one school year!

Visit our website at <http://www.waic.net> and explore all the available resources and links. The National Ag in the Classroom link to the Curriculum Matrix is a huge and dynamic source of on-line lesson plans aligned with Common Core standards. You can search for a grade level or topic area for agricultural lessons reflecting all subject areas for K-12th grade.

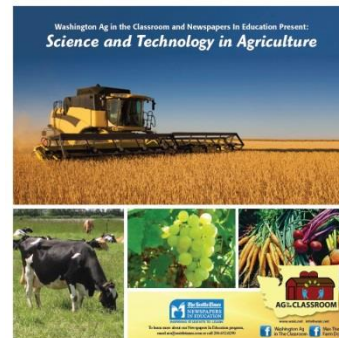
WAIC continues to promote our agricultural literacy project using the book, *Who Grew my Soup?* We supply the book, lesson plans and activities so volunteers will be successful when sharing the book in local classrooms. *Who Grew My Soup?* is a delightful read about a boy who declares he won't eat his soup until he knows where it came from. To his surprise, a man in a flying tomato balloon shows up to answer his question. They fly from farm to farm and learn all about the amazing vegetables in his soup and the farmers who grew them. Each classroom participating in the ag literacy project receives a free copy of the book to keep.



In April 2017, WAIC partnered with the Seattle Times Newspapers in Education (NIE) program for the fourth year in a row. Our project was an insert entitled "Science and Technology in Agriculture," which highlighted Washington agriculture. Data collected documented the following contacts:

NIE e-edition and print copies:

- Visits: 3,871 to electronic version (up 417 from last year)
- Received by more than 1,110 teachers
- Locations: 642 (up 32 locals from last year)
- Districts: 156 (up 14 districts from last year)
- Weekly Average NIE Circulation: 34,138
- Daily average use by students: 55,690
- Received by *The Sunday Seattle Times* full 1,200,103 readership (hard copy or digital)
- 10,000 copies distributed to NIE classrooms



WAIC partners with various organizations such as FFA, 4-H, Granges, county Farm Bureaus, Washington State University Extension, and government agencies to provide accurate agriculture and food facts for their various projects, farm fairs, publications, and educational experiences.

We use social media to educate and promote agricultural education. Our two Facebook sites: www.facebook.com/WashingtonAgInTheClassroom and www.facebook.com/MaxtheFarmDog -- were created for students and teachers.

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