# Northwest Rural Public Power District

Hay Springs, NE 69347

March 2022

# Blue Hill Students Have Mirage Flats Farmer Pen Pal

The Ag Pen Pal Program, managed by Farm Bureau Foundation, is nothing new to Blue Hill Social Studies and Science Teacher Judi Roach. She learned about the Nebraska Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) from a letter she received about the program nine years ago while she was teaching fourth grade at North Elementary in Sidney.

This is her third year for the program at Blue Hill, which is located south of Hastings, where she and her husband relocated to be closer to their children and grandchildren. She previously taught Fourth Grade in Sidney where she had participated in the program for six years prior.

One of her class's pen pals are Austin and Morgan Weyers of Mirage Flats.

Roach teaches three different classes and have three different farmer pen pals. The classes have 11, 12 and

15 students. "We've been involved with Jeff Huffman of Maxwell, Neb. for nine years," said Roach. "We Google meet with Jeff who takes us on virtual tours out on his Gater, where he shows the students him watering the cows," she added. The students are also learning



Austin Weyers made a visit to the Blue Hills Sixth Grade Class in mid-December. Here he answers some of the questions kids had to ask.



The Blue Hill Sixth Grade Class that became Ag Pen Pals with Mirage Flats Farmers Austin and Morgan Weyers. Their teacher, Judi Roach, has been involved with the Nebraska Agriculture in the Class Program for nine years now. This particular class is just one of her three classes that are involved in the program. The other two classes have different Ag Pen Pals.

about electricity, so he has showed them the transformers and poles and explains how important it is to have electricity to be able to get water. The consumers in that area are supplied power by South Central Public Power.

Another couple, Michelle and Josh Valdez from Brewster, Neb. are also involved in the program. They recently moved here from California and are now ranching here. "It is also their first year involved in the program and they communicate with sixth graders," said Roach.

She explained her students contact their ag penpals three times a year. "We started by writing a letter to the Weyers and they replied with a very informational letter," said Roach. The students were surprised the couple didn't have internet or tv. We learned about a herd of goats that they had lost. For the second contact, the Weyers visited the students at Blue Hill the week before Christmas. "I happened to be absent from school, because my husband had a medical procedure that day, so my para filled in for me," she noted. The students highly enjoyed their visit and asked lots of questions.

Roach's involvement lead her the opportunity to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conferences in Arizona and Kansas City. "In Kansas City, I was able to meet Greg Peterson, one of the Peterson Brothers whose mission (Continued on Page 2)

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is to teach the world about agriculture. Touring the Kansas State research gardens was very interesting and insightful," stated Roach. Following, she was able to have her students experience growing produce from a Tower Garden for the first time. Thanks to a grant from Farm Credit Services, they have a brand-new tower garden and were able to grow the first crop of different varieties of lettuce and herbs.

Morgan received an e-mail about the Pen Pal Program last year that sparked the interest in the couple. Austin says he is always learning new information about farming and thought it sounded fun to be able to pass that information on. "It's a blast. They are the next wave of consumers, so it is important to teach the kids how we farm the way we do and to make an impression on them," said Austin, who farms together with Marcus Sandberg. Together they raise soybeans, corn, dry edible beans and sunflowers. Austin and his wife Morgan are the fourth generation of Weyers to farm on Mirage Flats. They said they submitted their names into the Ag Pen Pal Program and were matched up with Judi Roach and her class. They are hoping to request the Blue Hill students again next year.

During their visit to the school, they took samples



Blue Hill teacher Judi Roach with one of her students picking lettuce they raised in the their class Tower Garden. Just one of their ag projects.

of different crops to show the students including sunflowers, beans, millet, soybeans and corn.

Austin has been working on a video this past year which includes irrigating, raising and harvesting the different crops, and will be adding planting this spring to the video that he will send to his Pen Pals at the end of the school year.



Austin and Morgan Weyers, new members of the Ag Pen Pal Program.

Austin does his

best to stay up to date on farming by attending different ag seminars and conferences. "I try to attend the UNL Extension Test Plot Seminars every year along with the Colorado Conference on No-Till Planting.

Austin is a 2013 Hay Springs graduate and earned his degree in Precision Ag Technology from Mitchell Tech in 2015. He met his future wife there while she was studying Speech Language and Pathology Assisting. The couple were married in July 2016. She is currently employed at Security First Bank and enjoys assisting her "Farmer" as often as she can. In their free time, the enjoy being members of the Hwy. 20 Tractor Club.

Roach believes the message the students are learning is very beneficial, they not only learn about agriculture, but the importance of good work ethic, to have pride in their country... and just being a good person in general.

"Over the years, I have learned as much if not more than my students. I did not have an agriculture background growing up. Don't be afraid to jump in and learn," said Roach. "Don't be afraid to seek our resources on the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation and National Agriculture in The Classroom website. There are many wonderful resources and lessons. My students and I have learned a great deal from lessons taken from these sites," ended Roach.





# **NORTHWEST RURAL ENTERTAINMENT**



# Along The Garden Path

# I'm looking over a four-leaf clover I overlooked before One leaf is sunshine, the second is rain Third is the roses that grow in the lane No need explaining, the one remaining Is somebody I adore I'm looking over a four-leaf clover I overlooked before



March makes me think of leprechauns and 4 leaf clover...Maybe because St. Patrick's Day falls during the month. Maybe it is because we are starting to think about spring and green things growing. Maybe it is because my husband, Pat thinks that St. Patrick's Day was named after him.

Clover seems to be a blessing or a curse depending on who you are talking with. Of course, a four leaf clover is considered luck when you find one. I have to admit that I have looked and always find a three leaf clover. I have also heard many landscapers curse the clover in their lawns. It seems that it does not give the right "golf-greens" appearance.

### So what is clover good for?

Clover is a Nitrogen Fixer As a legume crop belonging to the bean and pea family of plants, clover fixes nitrogen in the soil. That is, it partners with beneficial bacteria to transform nitrogen gas that resides in air pockets within the soil into stable organic compounds that nourishes surrounding plants.

Because of its manure-like applications, clover is often planted as a companion crop to rye, oat, wheat, and other grasses. Clover grows quickly and abundantly, making it an ideal cover crop or living mulch. Many species thrive in a variety of soils and climates, and can withstand winter conditions. Since clover has a long taproot, it can draw nutrients and minerals from deep in soil. And when planted in a ratio of 1:4 clover to perennial grass, it can reduce or even eliminate the need for artificial fertilizers.

#### Livestock Love It

Chock-full of nutrients, clover offers farmers a high-protein diet for their livestock and improves digestibility. This reduces mineral deficiency, which can lead to various diseases and disorders, and helps to produce leaner meat and more nutritious milk.

Clover can also be used in feed for chickens, geese and birds (and even humans - clover is edible and its colorful flowers can really make a salad pop).

### Pollinators and Beneficial Insects Love it, too

Clover honey isn't just a clever name - honey bees are attracted to the easily attainable nectar found within the

### -by Karen Runkle, Master Gardener

short florets of white clover and crimson clover. Scientists have linked the drastic decline in bee populations to the eradication of clover, dandelions and other "weeds".

But clover nectar also feeds butterflies, moths and other good bugs. And clover also supplies food, water and shelter to pollinator predators and parasites. Meanwhile, clover pastures nourish earthworms, important stewards of soil health. In Review:

Since clover helps maintain soil moisture and suppresses certain other weeds, clover lawns require less water and herbicide: all good news for the environment. Clover nourishes healthier livestock, and keeps pollinators busy and thriving, which sustains our ecosystems. That's a lot of luck to go around.

# What about that 4-leaf Clover? I need some LUCK

Tradition holds that you are lucky if you find a white clover that has four leaves. ... They tell me that one out of every 10,000 white clovers has four-leaves. That makes the odds a little steep.



For those of you that want a 4-leaf clover, there is an alternative. There is a houseplant called Oxalis. Okay, it is no

a houseplant called Oxalis. Okay, it is not a true clover. Oxalis, also known as wood sorrel, is a perennial weed that is often mistaken for clover. It is easily distinguished from clover by the 3 heart-shaped leaflets found on top of each long stalk (or petiole) and 5-petaled yellow flowers that bloom from spring through summer. A four leafed variety of Oxalis can be purchased at some nurseries.

If you are lucky!!!

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## Find Something to Celebrate in March!

March 1: Fat Tuesday, National Pancake Day, Peanut Butter Lover's Day, National Pig Day.

March 2: Ash Wednesday, National Egg McMuffin Day, Dr. Suess's Birthday, American Citizenship Day.

March 3: National I Want You to be Happy Day, World Hearing Day, National Anthem Day

March 4: World Day of Prayer, National Sons Day, National Safety Day, National Grammar Day.

March 5: National Cheese Doodle Day, Cinco de Marcho, Multiple Personality Day.

March 6: Namesake Day, National Oreo Cookie Day, National Dentist's Day, Read an eBook Week

March 7: National Cereal Day, National School Breakfast Week, Alexander Graham Bell Day

March 8: Be Nasty Day, National Oregon Day, National Organize Your Home Office Day

March 9: National Meatball Day, National Barbie Day, No Smoking Day, National Crab Meat Day.

March 10: National Pack Your Lunch Day, National Ranch Day, Popcorn Lover's Day, Mario Day.

March 11: Funeral Director and Mortician Recognition Day, World Plumbing Day, Worship of Tools Day

March 12: National Plant a Flower Day, National Girls Scout Day, Alfred Hitchcock Day

March 13: National Good Samaritan Day, National K9 Veterans Day, National Jewel Day.

March 14: National Potato Chip day, National Pi Day, National Napping Day, Brain Awareness Week.

March 15: National Social Work Day, Buzzards Day, International Day Against Police Brutality

March 16: National Panda Day, No Selfies Day, National Vaccination Day, Freedom of Information Day.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day, National Corned Beef and Cabbage Day, Absolutely Incredible Kid Day.





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March 18: Awkward Moments Day, Global Recycling Day, Sloppy Joe Day, National Lacy Oatmeal Cookie Day.

March 19: National Corn Dog Day, National Quilting Day, Certified Nurses Day, National Poultry Day.

March 20: Spring Equinox, National Proposal Day, Ravioli day, National Animal Poison Prevention Week.

March 21: National Single Parent Day, World Down Syndrome Day, World Poetry Day, French Bread Day.

March 22: World Water Day, Goof Off Day, Daffodil Day, American Diabetes Association Alert Day.

March 23: World Meteorological day, National Puppy Day, National Chip and Dip Day, National Ag Day.

March 24: National Cheesesteak Day, National Cocktail Day, National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day.

March 25: National Waffle Day, National Physicians Week, National Medal of Honor Day.

March 26: Wear a Hat Day, National Spinach Day, Epilepsy Awareness/Purple Day, Earth Hour.

March 27: National Cleaning Week, World Theatre Day, Pretzel Sunday, International Scribble Day.

March 28: Respect Your Cat Day, National Something on a Stick Day, National Weed Appreciation Day.

March 29: National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day, National Vietnam War Vets Day, World Piano Day.

March 30: Doctor's Day, Land Day, Take a Walk in the Park Day, Little Red Wagon Day.



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# Northwest Rural Territory Activities

### Gordon-Rushville Mustangs

FFA District CDE-Ag Ed at Kimball, 9 a.m. Wed., March 2

Thurs., March 3 Parent-Teacher Conferences

GES Family Literacy Night, 5 p.m.

Mon., March 7 **RS Parent-Teacher Conferences** 

March 7-12 G&B BB State at Lincoln

Tues., March 8 GRMS 7th Grade Food Drive Award at

Chadron Aquatic Center

Tues., March 15 Honor Instrumental Music at Kimball

**MS Parent-Teacher Conferences** 

March 16-18 State Speech at Kearney Tues., March 22 GRHS Cultural Fair, 5 p.m. Wed., March 23 WTC Quiz Bowl at Bayard Fri., March 25 Track (V at Scottsbluff, 11 a.m. Thurs., March 31 Track (V) at Douglas (tentative), 9 a.m.

Sat., April 2 Track (V) at Bayard, 8 a.m. April 7-8 State FFA Convention

Sat., April 9 Track (MS) at Chadron Invite, 8 a.m.

### CrawfordRams

Wed., March 2 FFA District Career Development Events

at Kimball

Thurs., March 3 Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m

**Parent Teacher Conferences** 

Fri., March 4 No School - Staff In-Service

**District Speech at Crawford** 

**Sweethearts Dance** 

Wed., March 9 **End of 3rd Quarter** 

March 10-12 G&B BB State March 10-12 Fri., March 18 Wed., March 23 Fri., March 25 Sat., March 26 April 6-8 Wed., April 6 Thurs., April 7 Sat., April 9 Mon., April 11

**NO SCHOOL - Spring Break** Girls & Boys State Basketball State Speech at Kearney CSC Scholastic Day Quiz (JH) at Chadron MS Track at Morrill, 9 a.m. FFA State Convention Golf at Sidney, 9 a.m. Track (V) at Mitchell Track (JH) at Chadron Track (JH) at Bayard

### HemingfordBobcats

Tues., March 1 District Speech at Maxwell

Wed., March 2 Pre-ACT, 8:10 a.m.

> FFA CDE at Kimball NHS Induction, 6 p.m.

Fri., March 4 FFA Rocky Mountain Oyster Feed, 6 p.m.

March 7-9 Girls State BB Tues., March 8 **End of 3rd Quarter** 

Wed., March 9 Parent-Teacher Conf. 1-7 p.m.

**Bayard Quiz Bowl** 

March 10-12 **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break** 

Boys State BB at Lincoln

Mon., March 14 Start of Fourth Quarter Tues., March 15 WTC Honor Band at Kimball

March 17-18 State Speech

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Thurs., March 24 ACT for Juniors



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# **NORTHWEST RURAL ACTIVITIES**

March 25-27 Three Act Dinner Theatre Thurs., March 31 Track (V) at Sutherland Invite FCCLA State Officer Prep Sat., April 2

April 3-5 FCCLA State Leadership Conference

April 6-9 FFA State Convention Track (V) at Mitchell Thurs., April 7

Fri., April 8 Golf (V) at Hay Springs Tri, 1 p.m. Track (V) at Bayard C-D Invite Sat., April 9 Track (JH) at Chadron Invite

Mon., April 11 Track (JH) at Bayard Invite

### Chadron Cardinals

Tues., April 5

March 4-5 Musical Production, 7 p.m., HS Auditorium Sun., March 6 Musical Production, 2 p.m., HS Auditorium March 7-9 Girls State Basketball at Lincoln March 10-12 Boys State Basketball at Lincoln Sun., March 13 Stars of Tomorrow, HS Aud., 3-5 p.m. Mon., March 14 NHS Induction, HS Aud., 6 p.m. Tues., March 15 Transition to College, HS Library, 6 p.m. Wed., March 16 State Speech at Kearney High Sat., March 19 Track (V) at CSC NPAC, 9 a.m. Tues., March 22 6-12 Band Concert, HS Aud., 7 p.m. Thurs., March 24 MS Concert, HS Aud., 7 p.m. Sat., March 26 Track (V) at Sidney Invite, 9 a.m. Tues., March 29 Golf Quad at Alliance Skyview, 4 p.m. Thurs., March 31 Golf at Crawford Legent Buttes, 4:30 p.m. Sat., April 2 Track (V) at Ogallala Invite, 10 a.m. Track (MS) Girls at Gering; Boys at

Scottsbluff, 2:30 p.m.

Wed., April 6 Golf (V) at Sidney Hillside, 9 a.m.

Booster Club Mtg., HS Commons, 6 p.m.

Thurs., April 7 Track (V) at Mitchell Invite, 9 a.m. Saturday, April 9 Track (MS) at Chadron Invite, 9 a.m.

### Hay SpringsHawks

Thurs.. March 10 Last Day of Quarter

Fri.. March 18 Track (V) at Chadron State, 9 a.m.

Sat.. March 26 Track (V) at Morrill, 9 a.m.

Fri., April 8 Golf (V) at Gordon-Rush Meet, 1 p.m. Sat., April 9 Track (JH) at Chadron High, 9 am. Track (V) at Bayard Meet, 9 a.m.

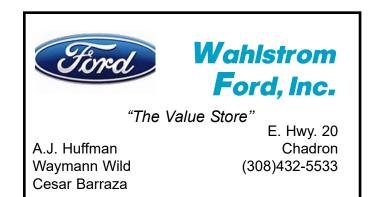
Track (JH) at Bayard Meet, 9 a.m. Mon., April 11

Good Luck to Our Area Basketball Teams at State!



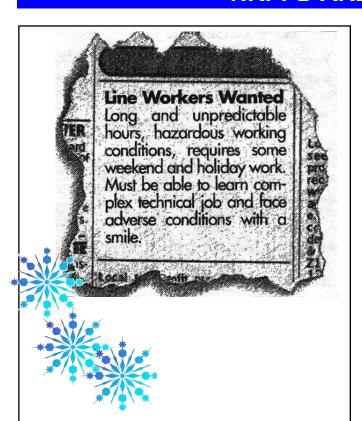








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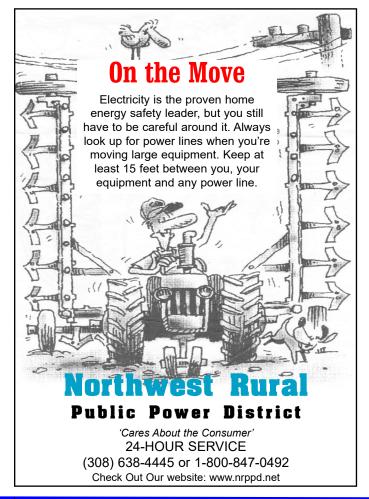
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### Southern Fried Cabbage with Sausage

- 1 whole Cabbage
- 1 pack of Polska kielbasa sausage
- 7 strips of Bacon
- ½ tablespoon of Black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon of Garlic powder
- ½ tablespoon of Onion powder
- 1 tablespoon of Sugar, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon of Red pepper flakes
- A little bit of water for the cabbage

Get your cabbage ready and clean it. Cut the cabbage into either thin slices or chunks, then set aside. Get the sausage links and bacon strips, then slice them into quartersize pieces or however, you want and set them aside. Place a cast-iron pot or skillet on a stove over medium-high heat, then drizzle a little bit of oil on the skillet. Add and cook the sliced sausage until they turn brown, set it aside. Next, add the bacon onto the skillet and cook until they turn crispy, remove then set aside.

Add the sliced cabbage to the pot or skillet, then season it with black pepper powder, garlic powder, and onion powder, then give it a good stir. Sprinkle a teaspoon of sugar or according to your taste and add some red pepper flakes, then mix it until well combined. Let it cook for about 10 minutes while making sure to stir the cabbage constantly to avoid burning the cabbage from the bottom. Add the sausages and bacon to the pot or skillet, mix until well combined. Cook it for about 5 minutes or until the cabbage becomes tender.

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- 4 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips 1 1/3 cups
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup or butter if you prefer
- 1 cup heavy cream

Prepare and bake the cake in a 13×9 pan according to the package instructions. Let cool completely before poking holes across the cake with the bottom of a wooden spoon. Be sure to poke all the way to the bottom of the pan.

In a large bowl, whisk together pudding, milk, and vanilla, but don't let it thicken. Pour the thin pudding over cake in an even layer, poking down into the holes if necessary. Refrigerate the cake for one hour.

### **Chocolate Glaze**

Place the chocolate chips and corn syrup in a heat-proof bowl.

In a small saucepan over low heat, warm the cream until it simmers, stirring occasionally. Alternatively, you can microwave the cream until hot.

Pour hot cream over chocolate chips and let sit for 2 minutes to melt.

Stir until smooth. Let the glaze cool for 10 minutes.

Pour glaze over cake and smooth with a spatula. Chill cake for 4 hours or overnight before serving.

### Kristi Klaiss Cracker Barrel Meatloaf

- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk
- 32 Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- · 4 ounces shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 lbs ground beef
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon mustard

Preheat oven to 350. Beat eggs. Add milk and crackers. Stir in onion and cheese. Add ground beef. Mix well. Shape into a loaf. Bake at 350 for 45 minutes.

Combine ketchup, brown sugar and mustard to make topping. Spoon half of the topping over the meatloaf after 30 mins of baking. Return loaf to oven for 10 more mins of baking. Spoon the rest of the topping over meatloaf, return to oven and bake for 5-10 mins more.



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# **NRPPD SAFETY**

# Do Spring Safety Check On and Off the Farm

For many farmers, the warmer temperatures means one thing — time to get the planters rolling. However, planting season also brings increased risk of physical injury and mental stress among farmworkers and families.

Before heading to the fields, it is critical to review basic safety lessons with workers and family members this spring.

### Rural roadway safety

Remind others to share the road, slow down and watch rural roads for slow-moving farm equipment on hills and Farmers should check curves, says Funkenbusch. equipment for slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblems and do a safety check of turn signals and mirrors before driving. Put cellphones down and reduce other distractions.

In addition to distractions, we should discourage children from riding on tractors. They can fall off or become injured in power takeoff accidents.

If there are children on the farm, make a habit of walking around equipment before starting the tractor, she says. Avoid loose-fitting clothing and tie back long hair to avoid PTO tragedies. Check out more guidelines here.

### **Animal safety**

The National Ag Safety Database reports that the number of farm injuries involving animals ranks second only to machinery accidents.

Animals may look friendly but can easily feel spooked or threatened when approached by people who are not their usual caretakers. Train visitors to respect the animals and be alert around livestock.

### ATV safety

Many farm families own and operate all-terrain vehicles for work and fun, but ATVs are powerful and potentially dangerous vehicles.

Review owners manual rules and adhere to age and legal requirements. Follow recommendations on weight limits, number of riders and safety equipment such as helmets, eye protection and clothing. For more information on ATV safety, check out the ATV Safety Information Center



here.

### Chemicals

It is also important to train family members and workers to use proper personal protective equipment when working around herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers. Thoroughly read, understand, and follow label instructions. Store chemicals in original containers and keep children away from them.

It is a great practice to know the telephone number of your local poison control center or the National Poison Control Center, 1-800-222-1222.

#### Stress less, sleep more

Many farm accidents result from stress or lack of sleep. Equipment breakdowns, untimely rains, and long hours can cause short-term stress that can reduce reaction times and prompt people to take shortcuts that lead to accidents.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, adults need seven to nine hours of quality sleep

In addition to sleep, stress is a huge factor in farm safety. On a national level, Farm Bureau provides resources for farmers and ranchers struggling with their demanding profession. Thankfully, many states have their own resources through their own extension offices for local farmers and ranchers as well.

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# Ag Council Announces 2022 National Ag Day Date & Theme

Overland Park, KS – The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on March 22, 2022. This will mark the 49th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2022 is "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

On March 22, 2022, the ACA will host a virtual Ag Day event and events in Washington, DC.

Additionally, the ACA will bring approximately 100 college students to Washington "virtually" to deliver the message of Ag Day to the Hill. A core leadership team of college students will attend events in DC. Another exciting feature of Ag Day 2022 is the Celebration of Modern Agriculture on the Mall, March 21-22.

These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. The ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

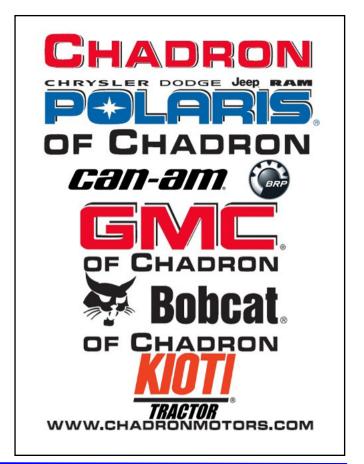
- Understand how food and fiber products are produced
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products





- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry

In addition to the events on March 22, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest. The winning essay will be presented on National Ag Day. Sponsorship opportunities for Ag Day 2022 are available. Visit www.agday.org for more information on National Ag Day.



# Bits 'n Pieces...

### Agriculture Quotes by Presidents

- "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness."
  - Thomas Jefferson.
- "Cultivators are the most valuable citizens...they are tied to their country."
  - Thomas Jefferson.
- "Agriculture, manufactures, commerce and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity, are the most thriving when left most free to individual enterprise."
  - Thomas Jefferson.
- "The farmer is the only man in our economy who buys everything at retail, sells everything at wholesale, and pays the freight both ways."
  - John F. Kennedy.
- "I would rather be on my farm than be emperor of the world."
  - George Washington
- "Agriculture is the most healthful, most useful and most noble employment of man."
- George Washington.
- "A technological revolution on the farm has led to an output explosion--but we have not yet learned to harness that explosion usefully, while protecting our farmers' right to full parity income."
  - John F. Kennedy
- "And a revolution of automation finds machines replacing men in the mines and mills of America, without replacing their incomes or their training or their needs to pay the family doctor, grocer and landlord."
  - John F. Kennedy

### Public Power is Not-For-Profit

Because local public power utilities are owned and operated by the people they serve, there are no stockholders to please or profits to make. Rates are set locally - usually by locally

elected boards in open meetings where anyone can influence energy policies.



No Stockholders, **Just Neighbors** 

**Public power districts** are not-for-profit. They're local. And that makes all the difference.

### Famous Quotes About Agriculture

- "Agriculture was the first occupation of man, and as it embraces the whole earth, it is the foundation of all other industries "
  - Edward W. Stewart.
- "Agriculture is the greatest and fundamentally the most important of our industries. The cities are but the branches of the tree of national life, the roots of which go deeply into the land. We all flourish or decline with the farmer."
  - Bernard Baruch, attributed, 'American Agriculture: A Brief History'.
- "For of all gainful professions, nothing is better, nothing more pleasing, nothing more delightful, nothing better becomes a well-bred man than agriculture."
  - Marcus Tullius Cicero, 'De Officiis bk. 1', ch. 42. Inspirational Quotes For Farmers
- "My grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman, and a preacher. But every day, three times a day, you need a farmer."
  - Brenda Schoepp.

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