

# **NATIONAL TEACH AG DAY!**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**



**CELEBRATION IDEAS**

COMPILED BY THE NEW JERSEY STATE TEACH AG RESULTS (STAR) PROGRAM

**#NJTEACHAGDAY22**



## What is National Teach Ag Day?

National Teach Ag Day is designed to encourage others to teach school-based agriculture and recognize the important role that agriculture teachers play in our schools and communities.

## Who is it for?

National Teach Ag Day is for anyone who wants to celebrate school-based agricultural education, share the story of agricultural education's importance and effectiveness in the United States, and encourage students to consider careers as agricultural educators. Anyone who wants to participate can find a variety of resources to help them talk about agricultural education at [www.naae.org/teachag](http://www.naae.org/teachag).

## What Happens on National Teach Ag Day?

Agricultural Educators and agricultural education advocates will engage in a variety of activities to celebrate and promote the career of agricultural education. These activities may include capitol rallies, special lessons, community activities, and more. The Teach Ag website is a clearinghouse of resources to help teachers and advocates, and free resources found there include a video, suggested teaching activities, games, and giveaway items.

## Who is Responsible for Teach Ag Day?

National Teach Ag Day is a part of the National Association of Agricultural Educator's National Teach Ag Campaign and is sponsored by the CHS Foundation and BASF.

## What is the State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program?

The STAR program is designed to assist states in creating sustainable and effective recruitment and retention plans. Since 2016, the New Jersey STAR Program has hosted events, provided promotional materials and participated in outreach opportunities to recruit and retain agriculture teachers. In 2022, the New Jersey STAR Program's initiatives include recruitment, retention, mentoring program, and preservice support.

# IDEAS FOR TEACHERS



## **Participate in the Live Virtual Celebration**

The National Teach Ag Day webcast will take place on Thursday, September 15 beginning at 11:00 am EDT live from the CHS Inc. Headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The webcast will feature special appearances by leaders in agricultural education, current and future agriculture teachers, with a variety of features and engaging discussion throughout the day to celebrate the positive and vast impact agriculture teachers make in and out of their classrooms and encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture.

National Teach Ag Day is a nationwide celebration that encourages others to consider a career teaching agriculture, while recognizing the contributions that over 13,000 agriculture teachers make in our schools and communities. Agriculture teachers cultivate the next generation of leaders, problem solvers, entrepreneurs and agriculturalists who will fill the agriculture industry pipeline.

“The success of more than 1 million students annually is made possible by agriculture teachers,” said Ellen Thompson Poeschl, National Association of Agricultural Educators, National Teach Ag Campaign Project Director, “Great leaders start with great teachers and our agriculture teachers have been cultivating the next generation of leaders since 1917, and there’s always room for more. That’s what National Teach Ag Day is all about.”

In addition to viewing the live webcast and social media spotlights, the National Teach Ag Campaign would like to invite everyone to celebrate and recognize all of the achievements of agriculture teachers across the nation and share it on social media using the hashtag #TeachAg.

To log on to the live webcast, or for resources to help you plan your local Teach Ag Day celebration, visit [naae.org/teachag](http://naae.org/teachag).

# IDEAS FOR TEACHERS



## Post to Social Media



**Twitter:** Challenge yourself to share an agricultural education story in 140 characters or thread your story throughout the day with multiple tweets. Tag us with @Teach\_Ag or use hashtag #TeachAg and #Tagged22.

Follow the Teach Ag feed to stay up to date with ag ed, learn about scholarship opportunities, or stay focused on your goals of becoming an agriculture teacher.

Sample tweets:

- Get tagged to teach ag! #teachag
- College and career ready thanks to ag ed! #njteachagday22
- Ag teachers teach by doing, not just telling. #teachag
- Teach the new 3Rs: rigor, relevance, and relationships; teach ag. #teachag
- Ag ed: a special blend of tradition and the future. #teachag
- Want a career with flexibility, variety, and travel? #teachag
- No two days are the same in one program & no two programs are the same. #njteachagday2



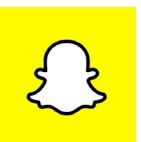
**Facebook:** Write your ag ed story as your status or on our Facebook wall; don't forget that you can tag your local program, other ag teachers, media, and supportive local businesses with the @ symbol and their name. You can also post to your legislator's Facebook wall. Don't forget that you can use Facebook to facilitate event planning. "Like" the Teach Ag page to stay up to date with ag ed, learn about scholarship opportunities, and stay focused on your goals of becoming an agriculture teacher.

Sample updates from teachers:

- Today, I'm tagging @[insert student] to teach ag!
- I love being an ag teacher because [insert reason] @Teach Ag
- There are 800,000 ag students nationwide, but I have the best every year. @Teach Ag
- I know what the future leaders look like because I teach ag. @Teach Ag
- @[insert friend], I'm tagging you to teach ag!
- Never have the same day twice! Teach Ag! @[insert friend]



**Instagram:** Post a picture of the great things you're doing in your ag program! Fill out an interactive worksheet found at the end of this document and post to your profile or add it to your story! #teachag and #Tagged22



**Snapchat:** Create a Teach Ag Filter. Snap a video of the exciting things happening in your classroom and post it to your story.

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@TEACH\_AG  
#TEACHAG

#TAGGED22

# IDEAS FOR STUDENTS



## Post to Social Media



Twitter: Challenge students to share how ag ed has impacted them in 140 characters or less, or thread their story throughout the day.

Sample tweets:

- Get tagged to teach ag! #teachag
- College and career ready thanks to ag ed! #njteachagday22
- Ag teachers teach by doing, not just telling. #teachag
- Inspired by my ag teacher! #njteachagday22
- I'm tagged to teach ag! #teachag
- I love ag education! #njteachagday22



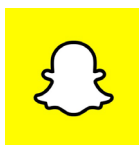
**Facebook:** Challenge students to tag friends to Teach Ag with a status update or write their own agricultural education story.

Sample updates from students:

- I'm tagged to teach ag! @Teach\_Ag
- Agriculture is the nation's largest employer with 28 million jobs. Thanks @(your ag teacher) for giving me career skills).
- There are over 11,000 ag teachers in the US, by mine is the best. Thanks, @(your ag teacher)
- FFA taught me leadership, my SAE gave me experience; Ag Ed brought it together in one classroom @Teach\_Ag
- Ag is my only class that uses all five senses. Thank you @(your ag teacher)



**Instagram:** Encourage students to post a picture of the amazing things they do in ag class! They can also fill out an interactive worksheet found at the end of this document and post to their profile or add it to their story! #teachag and #Tagged22



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#TEACHAG

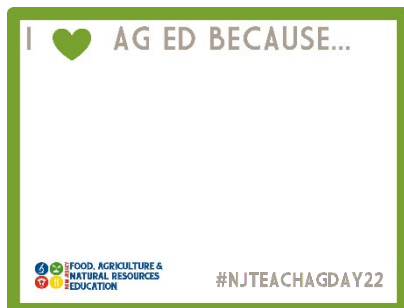
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# NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES TEACH AG DAY!



Use one of the Teach Ag Day signs and post a picture to social media. Find the three templates at the end of this guidebook. Print them out on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper for your students and for yourself. Be sure to fill in the blanks!



Take pictures of students with a teach ag sign. Hang the signs around your classroom, in the hallway or on the door of your classroom for others to see. Celebrate and encourage others to pursue ag education!

View the live webcast on National Teach Ag Day and encourage students to complete the #Tagged22 Graphic Organizer found at the end of this packet!

Visit  
[naae.org/teachag/tag-promo.cfm](http://naae.org/teachag/tag-promo.cfm)  
to access Teach Ag  
Promotional Materials!

FOLLOW NJ FFA ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO SEE HOW WE ARE CELEBRATING. TAG US FOR A CHANCE TO BE HIGHLIGHTED ON OUR PAGE!



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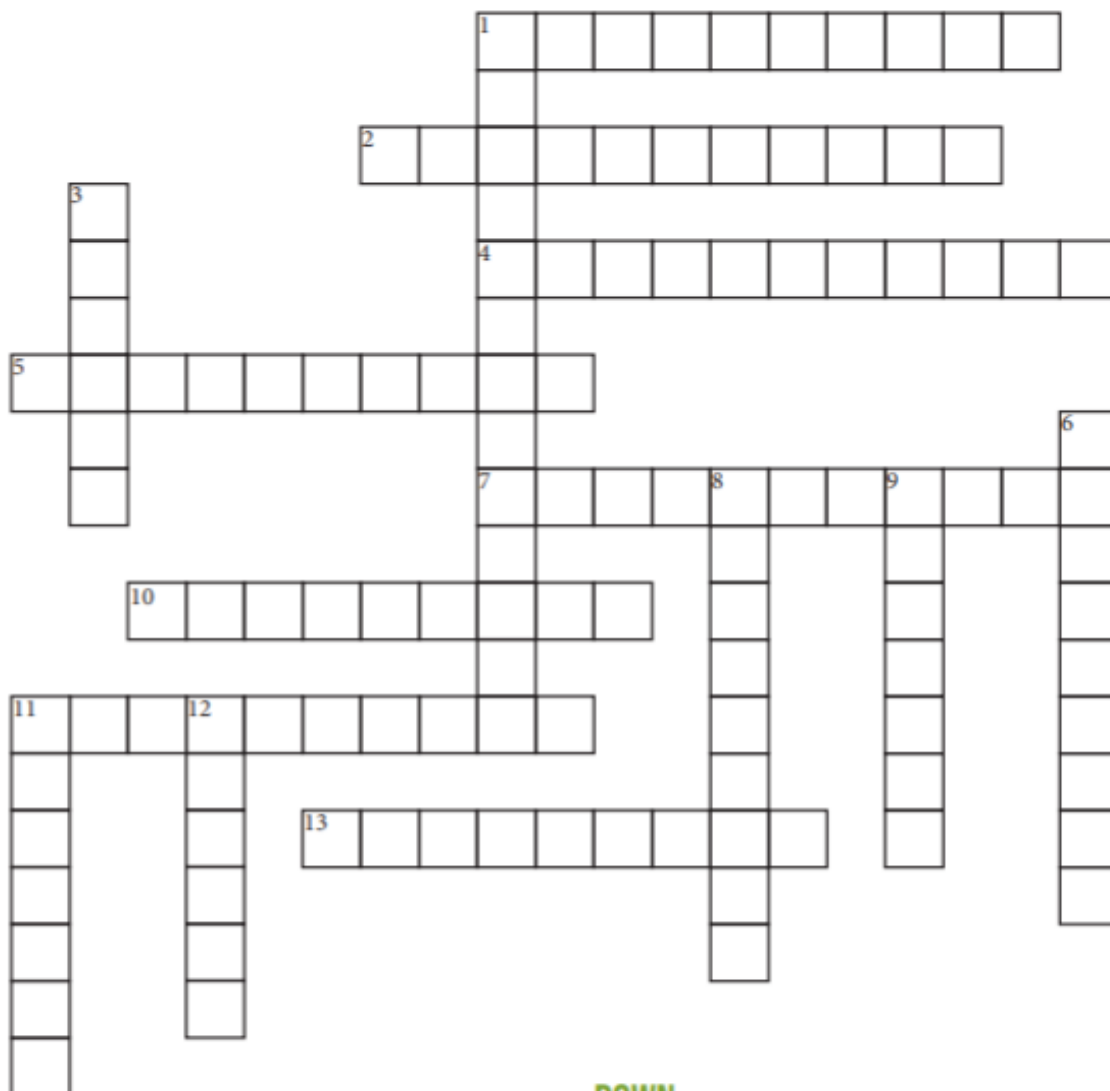


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Use resources at  
[naae.org/teachag/teachag\\_lessons.cfm](http://naae.org/teachag/teachag_lessons.cfm)  
to celebrate and bring awareness to the  
career of agricultural education.  
Resources include lesson plans, games  
and other activity ideas!



# TEACH AG CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## ACROSS:

1. A series of lesson plans that build knowledge and scaffold student learning.
2. The science of agriculture, food and natural resources.
4. The act of transferring knowledge to others through various delivery models.
5. The act of leading and inspiring others.
7. The practice of farming, including cultivation of the soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals to provide food, wool, and other products.
10. A variety of thoughts, backgrounds and experiences.
11. Formal or informal checking of knowledge and understanding.
13. A welcoming and safe practice where all individuals are engaged as their authentic selves.

## DOWN:

1. The process of gaining your teacher licensure.
3. Creating equitable experiences and options for all.
6. 7-12 education setting.
8. A place of learning inside a school building where magic happens.
9. Rock star individual who educates others and makes a difference.
11. Person who serves as a guide. (Owl)
12. Making sure everyone gets what they need the way they need it.

Answers can be found on Page 84.



## National Association of Agricultural Educators

[www.naae.org](http://www.naae.org) | #TeachAg

Follow along to the 2022 NAAE National #Teach AgDay webcast at [naae.org/teachag](http://naae.org/teachag) on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Post on social media the hashtag #TeachAg to participate in the conversation and learn more about the BEST. CAREER. EVER!

Before watching the live webcast, what did you already know about teaching agriculture as a career choice?

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What responsibilities do you feel are most important to an agriculture teacher?

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Explain the qualities that you possess that would be valuable as an agriculture teacher.

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List and describe the requirements in your state to teach agriculture. List at least two institutions where you can become certified to teach agriculture.

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# 8 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD #TEACHAG, TOO!

## #1

Every day is \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## #2

I foster a  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## #3

Agriculture  
teachers  
are in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## #4

I create a \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
learning  
environment for  
my students.

## #5

I teach about  
an \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_ in a  
hands-on way.

## #6

I am \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
with ag teachers  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

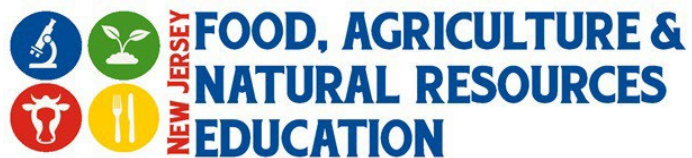
## #7

I am \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_.

## #8

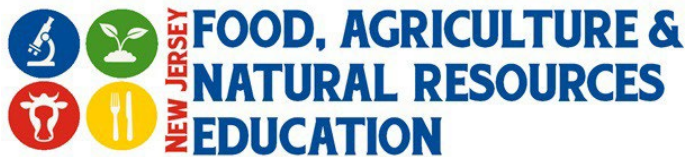
I am cultivating the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_, and you could too!

# I TEACH AG BECAUSE...



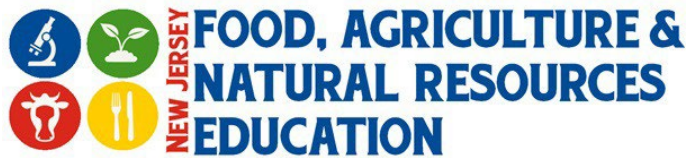
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# I WANT TO TEACH AG BECAUSE...



# #NJTEACHAGDAY22

I  AG ED BECAUSE...



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