

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom was founded in 1984 as part of a national effort committed to promoting agricultural literacy. The mission of Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom is to foster an awareness and learning in all areas related to food and agriculture industries and the economic and social importance of agriculture to the state, nation and the world.



In addition to our Winter Conference, MAC offers an Annual Fall Greening the School Conference; Workshops on the Farm for Educators; a 3 credit Summer Graduate Course, seasonal newsletters; mini-grants for agricultural education projects; lessons and educational manuals, a calendar of Massachusetts Agriculture, and an interactive website.

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Conference Scholarships: A limited number of full and partial conference registration scholarships are available to new teachers and teachers from urban schools. The funds for these scholarships was provided through a generous donation from an **AgEnhancement Grant** from **Farm Credit East**. For more information on eligibility for these scholarships, send us an e-mail request to massaginclassroom@earthlink.net.

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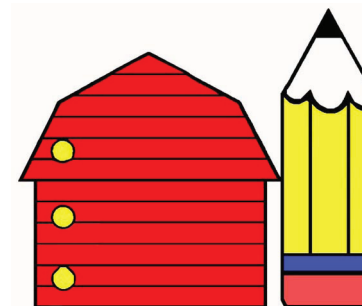


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Growing Minds through Massachusetts Agriculture

11th Annual Winter Conference for Educators

Presented by
Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom



Saturday, March 10, 2012
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Paul R. Baird Middle School
Ludlow, MA

\$50 Registration

Conference Supporters

Farm Credit East AgEnhancement
Ludlow Public Schools
Mass. Department of Agricultural Resources
Randall's Farm, Ludlow

Growing Minds Through Massachusetts Agriculture Conference

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom is sponsoring our 11th Annual Winter Conference for educators on **Saturday, March 10th** at the **Paul R. Baird Middle School in Ludlow, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The school is located just a few miles from the Ludlow exit of the Mass. Turnpike.



This conference provides teachers with activity ideas, resources and framework connections to bring agriculture alive in the classroom. Four concurrent sessions will be held throughout the day. Each session offers a choice of six workshops, each taught by a teacher or a teacher working together with a farmer and will offer specific background and activities for either elementary, middle or high school level.

The conference is held in cooperation with **Randalls Farm** in Ludlow. The farm provides all the food for participants with focus on local products whenever possible. Randall's Farm was founded over 45 years ago as a roadside seasonal egg farm and fruit stand. The first retail stand was built in 1962 to sell fresh local produce, eggs and fresh chicken; much was grown on the 40 acre farm. The present facility opened in 1997 offering a 20,000 square foot produce store, bakery/deli, ice cream stand, greenhouse and garden center. The farm is now one of the largest employers in the community.

Don't miss this day of discussion, interaction and opportunities for exploring new ideas for your classroom. The **\$50 fee** (includes all workshops; materials; breakfast snack; lunch, and 10 pdp's with related activity.

Conference Sponsor



USDA & the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

Sample Workshop Schedule

8:00 Registration, coffee, tea and snack

8:30 Introductions & Welcome

9:00 Concurrent Workshop Session 1

1. Make a Mini Greenhouse Terrarium
2. Edible Landscaping for the Schoolyard
3. Making Cheese in the Classroom
4. Basic Beekeeping & Life of Honeybee
5. Toads & Woodchucks & Bears in the Schoolyard, Oh My!
6. Getting Started in the School Garden

10:20 Concurrent Workshop Session 2

1. Using Coldframes to Extend the Season
2. Wool Science 101
3. Teaching Forensics Using Pollen/Plants
4. Growing a Sustainable Campus
5. Vegetable Garden Basics
6. Keeping Rabbits in the Classroom

11:30 Lunch, Awards & Speaker

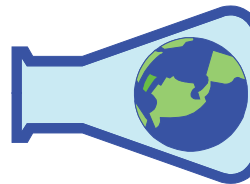
12:50 Concurrent Workshop Session 3

1. Dairy Goats & Other Small Ruminants
2. Pollinator Basics
3. Maple Sugaring Workshop
4. Using a Worm Bin to Support Science
5. Growing a Holistic Curriculum with Ten Medicinal Herbs
6. Introduction to Plant Classification

2:10 Concurrent Workshop Session 4

1. Edible Landscaping for the Schoolyard
2. Composting in the Classroom
3. Teaching Nutrition Using My Plate
4. Engaging Students in Invasive Species Detection
5. Embryology in the Classroom
6. Success in the School Garden

3:20 Evaluation and Wrap Up



To register : Please fill out this form and return it to: **MAC P. O. Box 345 Seekonk, MA 02771**

Name _____
 School or Organization _____
 Address (home or school) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number (day) _____ (evening) _____ Fax _____
 e-mail: _____ Grade Level _____

I am registering for the March 10, 2012, Growing Minds Through Mass. Agriculture Conference Please send directions

\$50 fee enclosed Make check payable to: MAC Please indicate workshop choices.

Session 1: _____ Session 2: _____

Session 3: _____ Session 4: _____