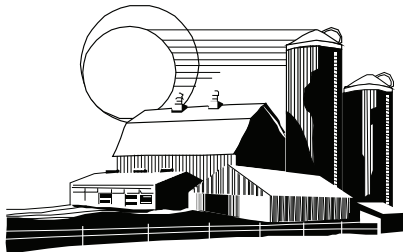


Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom was founded in 1982 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 Summer Graduate Course, Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom offers an Annual Winter Conference for educators, Workshops on the farm, seasonal newsletters, a Teacher's Resource Guide of agricultural materials and providers, lessons and educational manuals, a calendar of Massachusetts agriculture, an interactive website and our popular mini-grants for teachers and educators.



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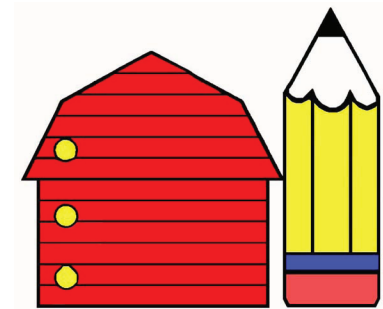


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Growing Agriculture in Your Classroom

3 Credit Summer Graduate Course for Teachers

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Beginning Workshop:
Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Ending Workshop:
Wednesday, August 15, 2012
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each participant will also attend six additional workshops from a choice of 12 workshops held across the state during the summer.

Growing Agriculture in the Classroom

Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom is pleased to announce our third summer graduate credit course in agricultural literacy training for educators. Using Massachusetts farms as your classroom, learn how agriculture can enhance your curriculum, enthrall your students and meet many MCAS requirements.



This graduate course offers agricultural-literacy training through fun, hands-on study and investigation of agriculture education resources. It will assist new educators and those who want to expand their classroom offerings as they learn how to integrate agriculture into the classroom to create lessons and reinforce MCAS concepts.

This Summer Institute, titled "Growing Agriculture in the Classroom" will meet on **Wednesday, June 27th** and **August 15th** at **Brigham Hill Community Farm in North Grafton from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Each participant will also be asked to attend **six additional workshops during the summer**, selected from approximately 12 workshops on various agricultural topics offered at farms across the state. Participants must keep a journal of their summer agricultural journey, take a quiz at each workshop and write 3 agricultural education lesson units, one of which will be presented at the final session on August 18th.



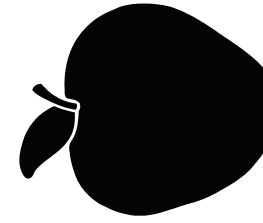
The 12 Farm workshops are now being developed and the list will be posted at www.aginclassroom.org. Workshops will cover topics such as Ag History; Botany; Chickens; Composting; Cranberries; Dairy; Energy; Economics; Farm Animals; Food Safety; Fruit Production; Genetic Diversity; Marine Science; Natural Resources; Nutrition; Sustainable Agriculture; Technology and more.

The fee for the eight-day course is \$500 and includes all materials; farm workshops and tours; some meals, and three graduate credit credits or 67 professional development points from Fitchburg State College. Participants will receive a letter grade. Curriculum and MCAS standards covered by the lessons will be handed out as workshop materials. Each participant will be paired with a MAC Board member to give long-term access to agricultural resources and follow-up support.



Using Massachusetts Farms as your classroom, learn how agriculture can enhance your curriculum, enthrall your students and meet many of the MCAS requirements. Workshops offer hands-on, open-ended experiences, activities and resources related to a variety of agricultural topics. Participants will:

- Learn that agriculture is a vital and important part of Massachusetts' economy, community resources and history and then create community partnerships with local farms.
- Learn how to use agriculture in your classroom to create fun and relevant lessons that reinforce MCAS concepts.
- Strengthen your science background with fun hands on activities and use agriculture as the medium to teach science processing skills.
- Receive resources and hands-on activities related to agricultural topics and learn how to use them in the classroom and outdoor setting.
- Receive training in using various teaching technologies and website links where you can find answers to questions.



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 Summer Graduate Course: Growing Agriculture in the Classroom

\$500 fee enclosed Make check payable to: MAC Payment must be made at time of registration

Refund Policy: 100% one week prior to 1st class; 50% within one week of 1st class; None 1st day of class or thereafter
There will be a \$30 fee assessed for any returned checks. Fees will be refunded if course is cancelled.