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ARDENT MILLS SUPPORTS NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Premier flour milling and ingredient company Ardent Mills is partnering with National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) and its Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) member state programs to strengthen pre-kindergarten through 12th grade agricultural literacy outreach.

The company is once again supporting NAITCO and the AITC state programs in their efforts to educate students about the importance of agriculture.

“Educating youth about the source their food, fiber and fuel is key if we are to have new generations of agriculturally literate consumers, voters and elected officials,” said Tracy Kinneman of Ardent Mills.

“We appreciate the support of partners like Ardent Mills, which helps National Agriculture in the Classroom and Agriculture in the Classroom state programs reach even more teachers and students across the nation with lessons and programming that use agricultural concepts to teach reading, writing, math, science, social studies and other subjects,” said Will Fett, president of NAITCO and executive director of the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation.

NAITCO and its AITC member state programs reached 96,000 teachers and 8.2 million students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in the U.S. in 2018.

As described in its vision, Ardent Mills is the trusted partner in nurturing its customers, consumers and communities through innovative and nutritious grain-based solutions. Ardent Mills' operations and services are supported by more than 35 flour mills and bakery-mix facilities along with a specialty bakery and Mobile Innovation Center, all located in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. Deeply rooted in communities throughout North America, Ardent Mills is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and employs more than 100 certified millers, supporting thousands of local jobs and facilitating billions of dollars of local economic activity. To learn more about Ardent Mills, please visit www.ardentmills.com.

NAITCO's mission is to increase agricultural literacy through Pre-K-12 education and it does so with an online, searchable database of lessons and resources called the Curriculum Matrix, a national conference, a national teacher awards program and professional development and support for Agriculture in the Classroom state programs in 50 states including the District of Columbia. To learn more about NAITCO, please visit www.agclassroom.org.

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