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UTAH FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS 2020 NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM CONFERENCE IN UTAH

Utah Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest voluntary organization of farmers and ranchers, will be a top sponsor of the 2020 National Agriculture in the Classroom 'Agriculture Elevated' scheduled for June 24-26 at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT.

The organization's support of the national conference will help defray the cost of the event so more teachers in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade from around the country can attend. In addition, teachers will learn more about the importance of agriculture and Utah's signature commodities such as beef, cheese, hay, fruit and tart cherries, among many others. More than 450 teachers and nonformal educators from around the country will participate in the annual national conference.

"We're proud to showcase Utah agriculture and give teachers from around the country the tools to educate students about the source of the food, fiber and fuel they use every day," said Dale Newton, chief executive officer of Utah Farm Bureau Federation. "We're supporting the conference because we believe it's a good way to reach those educators."

"Utah Farm Bureau's support of the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference shows teachers from around the country how important the partnership is between the Utah farming and ranching communities and Utah Agriculture in the Classroom," said Denise Stewardson, director of Utah Agriculture in the Classroom and host of the 2020 national conference. "We work together to develop educational resources with an accurate agricultural context to reading, writing, math, science, social studies and more, and utilize a strong network of Farm Bureau volunteers to go into classrooms and participate in educational events around the state."

Utah Farm Bureau was established in 1916 to represent farmers and ranchers around the state, and now has grown into an organization with more than 34,000 member families committed to protecting Utah's farms and ranches, and ensuring a safe, fresh and locally grown food supply. Its members live in all of Utah's 29 counties and belong to county Farm Bureaus, which, in turn, are part of the Utah Farm Bureau Federation. Visit <https://www.dairywest.com/> for more details.

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 National Agricultural Literacy Curriculum Matrix, a national conference, a national teacher awards program and professional development and support for Agriculture in the Classroom state programs in most of the 50 states including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 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. To learn more about NAITCO, please visit www.agclassroom.org.

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