



Maine Agriculture in the Classroom Tomato Resource Page

www.MaineAgintheClassroom.org

In March 2020 Read ME Agriculture will debut the newest book in the series, *Plant Something for ME* and volunteer readers will be visiting Pre K to 4th grade classes across the state. To sign up your classroom by the January 1st deadline visit our website!

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Would you like to locate farms in your area that might host your students or have representative visit your classroom? www.getrealmaine.com has a searchable list with fairs and events listed too!

The 2020 Agricultural Trade Show will be held on January 14 - 16, 2020 at the Augusta Civic Center

Teachers can register for a *Harvest of Curricula* to support Maine Farmers and producers, and harvest of the month! For Direct delivery to your inbox

[Sign up here!](#)



Funding from this Specialty License plate and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry supports teacher curriculum materials connecting classrooms to the HARVEST OF THE MONTH project! Please thank everyone you know with this plate!



Suggested MAITC Lesson Plans for Educators
(Aligned to State & National Standards)
www.TeachMEFoodandFarms.org

- **Mixed Vegetables.** Grades K-5. Students will learn about the history of vegetables and locate their origin on a world map. They will be able to identify the growing seasons, increase their awareness of the health benefits, and make a no-bake veggie pizza! Includes writing exercises.
- **Compost** - Grade 2 - 5. Students will learn about composting and vermiculture including activities that range from making a layered salad to studying the anatomy of an earthworm. Building and maintaining a classroom worm bin can be a part of this lesson. For more resources on worm bins visit mainlywormbins.blogspot.com





LESSONS FROM THE

National Agriculture in the Classroom

CURRICULUM MATRIX

Searchable directly from the MAITC Home page

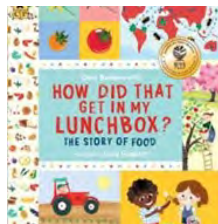


September is Tomato Month!

Check out these great Agriculture lessons from our National Ag Literacy Curriculum Matrix

- [Tomato Trivia](#). Grades K-2. Using tomatoes as a theme, the students will practice their math and science skills of estimating, measuring, counting, graphing and sequencing.
- [Pizza Time!](#) Grades 3-5. This lesson uses pizza as a basis for learning about agriculture, geography, and mathematics.
- [The Columbian Exchange of Old and New World Foods](#). Grades 3-5. Students will explore New World and Old World food origins to understand how the Columbian Exchange altered people's lives worldwide.
- [Right This Very Minute](#). Grades 3-5. Students will read Right This Very Minute—a table-to-farm book about food production and farming—and diagram the path of production for a processed product. Students will study a map to discover where different commodities are grown and write a thank-you letter to farmers in their local community.
- [Farming, Food, and Heredity](#). Grades 6-8. Students will apply their knowledge of heredity as they develop a breeding plan for a scenario in which they inherit a tomato farm that has been suffering from a blight fungus.
- [Fruits and Vegetables: The Right Pick for Vegetables and Minerals](#). Grades 9-12. Students will describe the farm-to-table process of common fruits and vegetables, recognize the nutrients fruits and vegetables provide, and evaluate methods of food storage and preparation for preserving nutrients.

Great Books about Tomatoes!



Check out the [video](#) from our September newsletter.

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