

AG TEACHER'S LIFE CYCLE

How We Can Help

Begin professional development and networking opportunities before teacher takes first job – build connection to the profession.

Use late-career teacher mentors to serve as a technical resource and model good work/life balance.

Broaden foundation with opportunities to explore a variety of technical and pedagogical areas. Help identify student and community needs and how to meet those needs.

EARLY-CAREER

Pre-Service/Early

Primary Concern: Surviving

Middle

Primary Concern: The task of teaching

Late

Primary Concern: Impact on students

Teacher leadership



How We Can Help

Deepen pedagogical and technical skills through professional development.

Recognize achievements, help build buy-in from local decision-makers.

Develop teacher leaders and provide leadership opportunities.

Support teacher wellness and work-life balance.

MID-CAREER

Stabilization — Some confidence professionally, can settle into a comfortable and predictable pattern of teaching.

Experimentation — Seasoned teachers often experiment with new approaches and activities in their classrooms.

Taking Stock — Teachers with a decade or more of experience may reflect on their careers, contemplating both the worth of their past work and their plans for continued work in coming years.

Work/life balance

Building community support

How We Can Help

Keep teachers motivated by helping them find new challenges, develop into mentors, and become national leaders.

LATE-CAREER

Serenity — Teachers with many years of experience are usually comfortable with classroom life and their role in it.

Staying enthusiastic and engaged



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NAAE Areas of Focus and Related Programs

- Pre-Service
- Early-Career
- Mid-Career
- Late-Career

Advocacy

- ● ● NAAE Legislative Action Center
- ● ● Advocacy Unit for Secondary Students
- ● ● National Policy Seminar
- ● ● Local, State and National Advocacy Profiles

Professional Development

- National Agriscience Preservice Teacher Program
- Future Agriscience Teacher Symposium
- Preservice Teacher Track at NAAE Convention
- Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Preservice Certification Programs
- NAAE Internships
- Teachers Turn the Key Scholarship Program
- XLR8 Experienced Teacher Institute
- ● ● Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Institutes
- ● ● Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) Lead Teacher Program – late early-career - late-career
- ● ● National Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Program
- ● ● NAAE Agriscience Inquiry Institutes
- ● ● Farmer to Farmer
- ● ● Virtual Book Club
- ● ● DuPont Agriscience Institutes
- ● ● NAAE Convention Learning Sessions
- ● ● Regional Conferences
- ● ● Communities of Practice Professional Networking Site

Agriculture Teacher Recruitment and Retention

- National Teach Ag Ambassador Program
- National Teach Ag Day Collegiate Contest
- Teach Ag Signing Events
- ● ● Teach Ag Promising Practice Webinars – early-career - late-career
- ● ● Job Postings and State Certification Requirements
- ● ● National Teach Ag Campaign
- ● ● State Teach Ag Results (STAR) Program
- ● ● Agricultural Education Supply and Demand Data Collection
- ● ● National Teach Ag Day

Member Recognition

- Upper Division Scholarship
- Outstanding Young Member
- ● ● Ideas Unlimited Award – late early-career – late-career
- ● ● Outstanding Cooperation Award – late early-career – late-career
- ● ● Agriscience Teacher of the Year
- ● ● Outstanding Teacher
- ● ● Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program Award
- ● ● Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Program Award
- ● ● Teacher Mentor Award
- ● ● Outstanding Service Citation
- ● ● Lifetime Achievement Award

Other

- ● ● NAAE Convention
- ● ● Agricultural Educators Relief Fund
- ● ● Professional Liability Insurance
- ● ● Leadership Opportunities via Serving on Committees and Boards

