

**Looking for educational resources for children? Interested in learning more about agriculture? We've compiled the following list for parents and educators:**

**NC State Fair:**

- The NC State Fair will be releasing at least one category from their competitions or a fun activity each week. Also includes a link to the 2020 N.C. State Fair Activity Book: <https://www.ncstatefair.org/AtHomeActivities.htm>

**NC Forest Service:**

The N.C. Forest Service has compiled a list of educational resources and activities for families with students at home:

- N.C. Forest Service YouTube video resources; Suitable for a range of ages including adults
  - Longleaf on the Short: series of 1-minute video clips about the Land of the Longleaf Pine
  - Forest Fast Breaks: <2 min video clips about Urban Forests, using Urban Wood and the benefits of Urban Forests
- Smokey Bear for Kids: Wildfire prevention resources, games and activities suitable for a range of ages
- Don't Move Firewood interactive resources to "Protect the trees you love from tree-killing bugs"; Suitable for a range of ages including adults
- NC Forestry Association: Teacher & student resources suitable for PreK-grade 12
- Project Learning Tree for parents and families: Free nature activities suitable for children ages 3-15
- N.C. Environmental Education – search for resources, select Families for Audience Served and select Age Group(s)
- Arbor Day Foundation: Suggestions for tree-related activities correlated to various school subjects; Suitable for a range of ages
- Natural Inquirer: a variety of science education materials for parents, educators and PreK through grade 12 students
- USDA Forest Service Kids: games, activities, coloring sheets, teacher and parent resources; suitable for a variety of ages

- ASLA Designing our Future: Sustainable Landscapes: American Society of Landscape Architects provides links to urban forestry focused lesson plans, activities, games, and videos; Suitable for all ages including adults
- Finding My Forest: lesson plans for educators correlated to National Standards for English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Music/Art; Grades 3-8
- TreesCharlotte: Activity sheets and curricula for elementary, middle and high schools
- Nature Explore Family Resources: nature-inspired activities for families; resources also available in Spanish; Suitable for elementary aged children
- Trees Are Good: tree-related lesson plans, educational resources for adults and online activities; Suitable for all ages including adults
- Penn State: Forestry/Natural Resources Lesson Plans for grades 6 through 8

#### **NCDA&CS Marketing Division:**

The Ag's Cool Website is a way to learn more about North Carolina agriculture and commodities grown here. (note: this website may have outdated links and information, but still has some great resources): <https://www.ncagr.gov/agscool/index.htm>

#### **National Ag Statistics Service (NASS):**

NASS has Education and Outreach page with Understanding Ag Statistics and Lesson Plans: [https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education\\_and\\_Outreach/index.php](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Education_and_Outreach/index.php) [nass.usda.gov]

#### **NC State Cooperative Extension:**

- Whether it's exploring miles of fertile farmland and fresh produce at the farmers market, or discovering flowers blooming in the backyard and nutritious foods cooking in the kitchen, Homegrown has you covered with online videos: <https://homegrown.extension.ncsu.edu/>
- Looking for ideas to help children continue learning, exploring — and avoid feeling cooped up — when their schools or daycare centers close? The answer may lie no farther than your backyard or nearest park. Here are five easy outdoor activities you and your kids can try now, or any time the fancy strikes: <https://cals.ncsu.edu/news/now-what/>
- Beginning Monday, March 23rd North Carolina 4-H will begin offering learning activities for homebound youth: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthCarolina4H/>

#### **National 4-H Organization:**

- *Afterschool Agriculture* promotes agricultural literacy among young people (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade focus) during out-of-school time while developing their understanding, appreciation and application of science through a variety of hands-on agriculturally based activities: <https://4-h.org/parents/curriculum/afterschool-agriculture/>

### **NC State Southeast Fire Update:**

- Provides link to a comprehensive list of the online K-12 and youth wildlife fire resources listed in alphabetical order with a short description of the program and a link for more information: <https://research.cnr.ncsu.edu/blogs/southeast-fire-update/k-12-and-youth-education/>

### **North Carolina Farm Bureau:**

- Ag in the Classroom is an educational program designed to provide teachers with quality materials to teach students, through North Carolina competency-based lessons, about the sources of their food and fiber, and the importance of agriculture to the economy: <https://www.ncfb.org/ag-in-the-classroom/>

### **American Farm Bureau Foundation:**

- *My American Farm* is a place for young learners to explore and discover our food, fiber and energy. This site includes lesson plans, fun family activities and other resources: <http://www.myamericanfarm.org/>

### **National Ag In the Classroom:**

- The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization (NAITCO) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)–Agriculture in the Classroom Team, support state programs by providing a network of opportunities to improve agricultural literacy — awareness, knowledge, and appreciation — among K-12 teachers and their student: <https://www.agclassroom.org/student/>