



Thank a Farmer Initiative

Event/Activity Details

Length: 1-6 hours

Items Needed:

- Notecards/paper
- Writing utensils
- Envelopes
- Stamps

Objective: Participants will share their gratitude for farmers and ranchers by writing a thank you note.

Implementation Ideas

Ways to bring this event/activity to life:

Classroom

Go into a classroom and have a discussion about how farmers and ranchers help provide us with our food, fiber and energy. If you are a farmer, talk about your operation, or if you are a teacher/volunteer, read an accurate ag book to help students get an idea of what a farmer does each day. Have students write, draw, or create thank you letters/cards to farmers. Students may sign the cards, but please do not include last names.

Capitol Grounds

Have a booth/table outside your state Capitol and ask bypassers to write a thank you note to local farmers and ranchers. Coordinate with your state Farm Bureau to see if they would be willing to mail your letters. Otherwise, send your thank you notes to the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (AFBFA) office so they can be dispersed to real farmers and ranchers.

Timeline

Things to keep in mind:

Before

- Schedule classroom visit or reserve booth space.
- Buy notecards, colored pencils, pens and envelopes.
- Determine mailing logistics and get permission to take photos.

During

- Share details about National Ag Day and your state's agriculture.

After

- Send thank you notes to volunteers.
- Share a press release and a social media post about your Ag Day efforts.
- Mail your cards in a pack to your county/state Farm Bureau if they've agreed to disperse your letters. Otherwise, mail them to:

American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture
600 Maryland Ave SW Suite 1000W
Washington, DC 20024

Recommended Resources

- [Thank a Farmer resources](#)
- [Ag Day Flyer](#)
- Accurate agriculture books at www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog
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