

Dear Friends,

The crisp fall air in Wyoming is flirting with winter. Our students are hard at work back in the classrooms and the state is abuzz with the hopes of football season (and perhaps more importantly, hunting season). The passing of the season gives us an opportunity to reflect on the transitions underway at Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC). 2022-2023 has been a year of transition and progression. As the WAIC community is aware, Jessie Dafoe stepped away from the organization to pursue new and wonderful opportunities after 11 years of building and growing WAIC into the strong organization we have today. Myself, the board, and WAIC staff are tremendously thankful for the strong foundations that Jessie built and the years of service she gave to WAIC and its mission: "to develop students' understanding of Wyoming's vast resources so that they become informed citizens, capable of serving as stewards for Wyoming's future." We all remain steadfastly dedicated to advancing this important mission across our beautiful state.


I (Andrew) was hired in October of 2022 to build upon the foundations Jessie set. I am so excited to come home and help create educational opportunities for the youth of Wyoming. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received around Wyoming and the support I get from WAIC's Board of Directors. I am proud of the in-roads we have been able to make into new school districts and classrooms thanks to the good work of our Education Advocate team.

2022 marked the third year that our curriculum (Wyo Wonders – formerly known as the Wyoming Stewardship Project) was being implemented into traditional classrooms around the state of Wyoming.

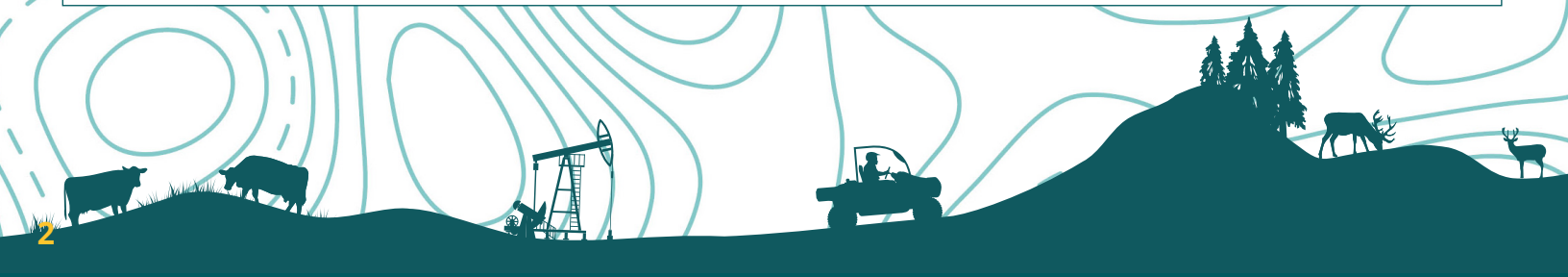
Thanks to support from people like you, WAIC's incredible curriculum remains free-to-use in any Wyoming classroom. It was built by Wyoming educators, in collaboration with field experts and the Wyoming Department of Education. This group wrote, piloted, and revised the units and we are tremendously grateful for their efforts. These units were created purposefully to be easy-to-use, cross-curricular, and comprehensive. The units build on each other throughout the grades, however they can be used independently, at a teacher's discretion.

Thank you again for your effort to help us grow in Wyoming's traditional & non-traditional classrooms.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions!



Andrew Joannides
Executive Director
Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom



Our Curriculum in Wyoming's Classrooms



Students from Gannet Peak Elementary

"When people come to Wyoming to visit different parks, hunt, or be outdoors they have to stay in hotels, buy food here, and gas here. The money they buy those things with helps us."

- 3rd Grade students from LeChelle Adams Class Uinta Meadows Elementary in Evanston

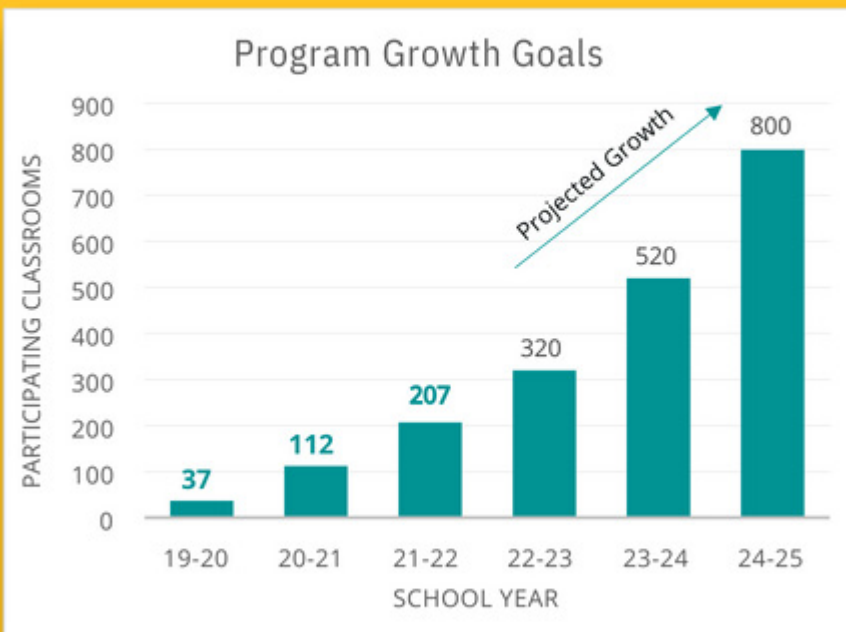
"Many of our students will stay within the state. They will become the next generation of stewards & will also face any economic responsibilities & challenges that face our state in the future."

- Laura Robinson, Albany County

"I have never seen anything so well put together and ready to teach in my career! These lessons are going to help me easily teach my students about stewardship and gives them an in-depth look into their own backyard."

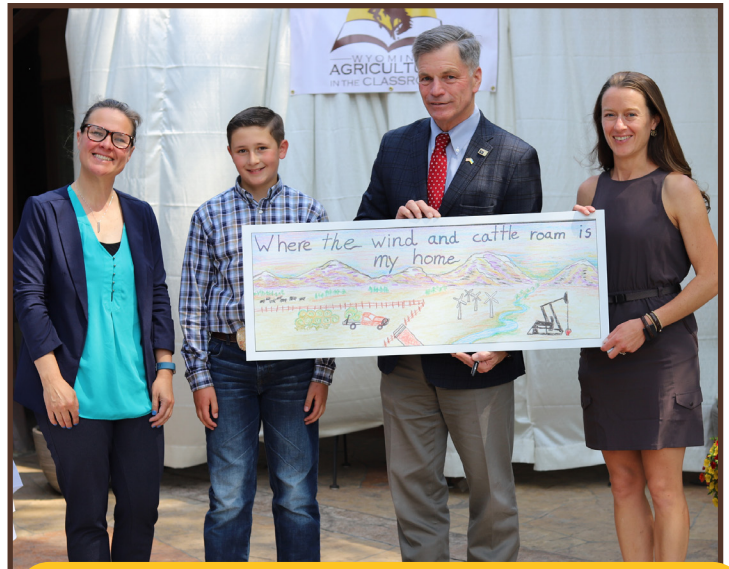
- Angela Ourth, Natrona County

How many classrooms are we in?



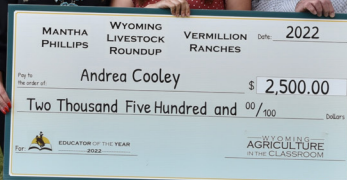
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1,511 entries
from
22 counties!



Henry Shoup, 2022 People's Choice Award

Andrea Cooley, 2022 Award Recipient



Celebrating our Educator of the Year

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Thank you to all our supporters. It is your generosity that has kept us moving forward. We do not take the task of providing agriculture and natural resource education lightly and want our supporters to know our efforts are as diligent as ever. Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, and all donations may be tax deductible.

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“We are proud to support WAIC and their vision to introduce students to the importance of agriculture and natural resources at an early age,” said Tangi Smith, Devon community relations specialist. “We believe this program’s efforts will set Wyoming’s future up for success. It is important for people to understand the hard work that goes into keeping our country running.”



“Wyoming Ag in the Classroom is an outstanding resource for our students to learn and understand the key components of our economy. Through a classroom setting, WAIC educates and informs our youth of the economic drivers for Wyoming as well as the engaging in Stewardship Awareness. The approach is both practical and hands on with Wyoming based curriculum and examples. The Scott Foundation appreciates the leadership of WAIC as well as teachers and facilitators who deliver and sustain this program.”

~Jenny Craft, Executive Director: Homer & Mildred Scott Foundation

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Assets

Cash & Equivalents	\$2,639,135.49
Receivables.....	\$57,260.33
Net Fixed Assets.....	\$289,595.96
Investments	
Legacy Endowment.....	\$1,993,500.14
Deposit.....	\$0
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$4,979,491.92

Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities.....	\$14,132.32
Deferred Income.....	\$1,936,977.37
Payables.....	\$234,613.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$2,185,723.35

Net Assets

Unrestricted.....	\$800,268.43
Restricted	
Legacy Endowment.....	\$1,993,500.14
TOTAL NET ASSETS.....	\$2,793,768.57

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