

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends,

*"The men and women who built Wyoming understood something we should never forget... their responsibility was not simply to manage the present, but to build a foundation strong enough for those who would come after them,"*  
Governor Mark Gordon, "Built to Lead," Wyoming Livestock Roundup, April 11, 2026.

Those words remind us that the work we do today is never just for today. At Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC), that belief guides everything we do. We are not only educating students. We are helping build the foundation for Wyoming's future—a future shaped by young people who understand the land, the industries, and the natural resources that sustain our state.

In 2025, that work reached classrooms across all 23 counties. Through Wyo Wonders, students explored the systems that define Wyoming; Agriculture, Minerals & Energy, and Outdoor Recreation & Tourism. Students and educators learned not just what Wyoming has, but how it works, why it matters, and the role they can play in its future.

This matters now more than ever.

Fewer young people are growing up with a direct connection to the land and opportunities for hands-on, place-based learning. Opportunities like field trips are increasingly out of reach for many schools. In this environment, understanding cannot be left to chance. It must be intentionally built.

That is the role WAIC plays.

We bring Wyoming into the classroom—its landscapes, its industries, and its stories—ensuring that every student, regardless of geography, has access to the knowledge needed to become an informed citizen and thoughtful steward.

Because ultimately, we are not just teaching lessons.

We are shaping perspective.

We are building understanding.

We are investing in the next generation of Wyoming leaders.

As we celebrate our 40th year in 2026, we do so with both gratitude and purpose. The momentum we are building today is made possible by a community of supporters who believe deeply in this mission.

You are part of that foundation.

And because of that, I reiterate Governor Gordon's confidence: Wyoming's best days are still ahead of her.

Thank you for being part of this work and for helping ensure that the generations who follow are prepared not only to inherit Wyoming, but to lead it.

With appreciation and resolve,



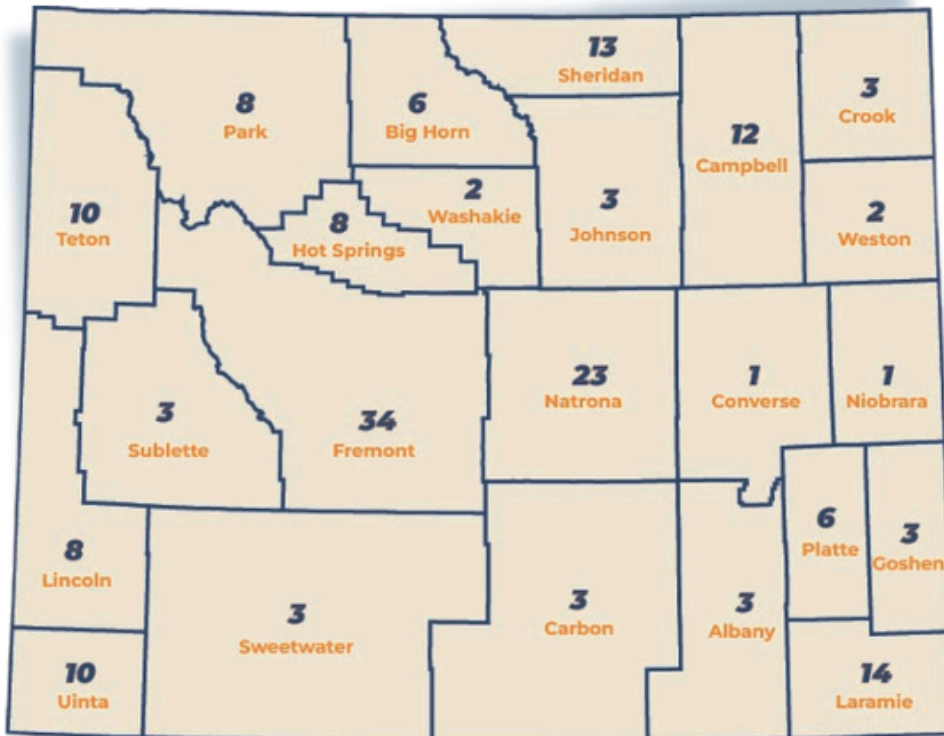
Andrew Joannides  
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# WYO WONDERS

Powered by Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom

Wyo Wonders is a supplementary natural resources curriculum targeting students in grades 2-5. The lessons focus on helping students understand Wyoming's core heritage industries and equipping them with critical thinking skills. All Wyo Wonders materials are available as a free resource at [wyowonders.org](http://wyowonders.org).

## Classroom Reach



School Year 2024-2025: 189 classrooms total

Calendar Year 2025: 217 classrooms total

## Educator Workshops

**Powell** (June 24-25): 17 educators attended

**Medicine Bow** (July 8-9): 10 educators attended

**Afton** (July 24-25): 21 educators attended

## Outreach Highlights:

- **Professional Development** Days with FFA Chapters: taught over 110 High School FFA members how to use Wyo Wonders in Gillette, Green River, Upton, Cheyenne, Lander, Riverton, Thermopolis (140 students)
- Natrona County **Ag Expo** (Feb): shared Wyo Wonders with 15 Elementary Teachers (150 students)
- Wyo Wonders Taught at **STEM Days**: Indian Paintbrush Elementary, Laramie (March), Desert View Elementary, Rock Springs (March), Paintbrush Elementary, Gillette (March), Livingston Elementary, Cody (May)
- **Teacher Fair** at UW (March): shared Wyo Wonders with dozens of pre-service teachers
- **Wildlife** Expo (May): reached 160 students in Teton County
- Wyoming **Homeschool** Conference (May): shared Wyo Wonders with homeschool parents
- WDE **Teacher Con** (Aug): presented three workshops to 36 educators
- School District **PD Training** for Wyo Wonders (Oct/Nov/April) (27 elementary teachers at Fremont County School District #14, Laramie County School District #2, St. Mary's Catholic School)
- Fremont Co. **Conservation** Camp (Sep): engaged with 250 middle school students about Wyo Wonders
- UW District **Connections Fair** (Oct): connected with 60 Pre-Service teachers
- State **FFA Leadership** Conference (Oct): presented awards to three FFA Chapters that taught Wyo Wonders

# 2025 Program Highlights

## Bookmark & Beyond

## Educator of the Year



## Professional Development

In Summer 2025, WAIC convened educators from across Wyoming for immersive professional development workshops in Powell, Medicine Bow, and Afton, where participants engaged in hands-on learning experiences ranging from alpaca ranches to the Ekola Flats Wind Farm and a stewardship-focused float trip on the Salt River. Classroom instruction was connected to Wyoming's agriculture, energy, outdoor recreation, and natural resource industries through authentic, place-based education.



# Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

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, minerals and energy, and outdoor recreation and tourism 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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### Assets\*

Cash & Equivalents .....	\$3,314,486.44
Receivables.....	\$260,368.59
Net Fixed Assets.....	\$293,685.12
Total Assets.....	\$3,868,540.15

### Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities.....	\$7,895.04
Payables.....	\$19,098.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$26,993.65

### Net Assets

Unrestricted.....	\$3,841,546.50
Total Net Assets.....	\$3,841,546.50

### Total Liabilities

<b>&amp; Net Assets.....</b>	<b>\$3,868,540.15</b>
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## Our Mission

To develop students' understanding of Wyoming's vast resources in order that they become informed citizens, capable of serving as stewards for Wyoming's future.

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