

CSU Extension: Teaching the science behind agriculture



“Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bands.” (Thomas Jefferson, 1785)

Many of you may be able to personally identify with this quote from Mr. Jefferson, due to the fact that we live in a rural, predominately agricultural area. However, our urban counterparts may be several generations removed from any form of production agriculture and do not understand the science behind the production of their food.

Even many of our youth, who will soon be the leaders and scientists of tomorrow, are losing sight of where food comes from and how it’s produced.

Colorado State University Extension agents and specialists recognized this concerning trend and created a program called AgFest in 2010. AgFest is an innovative, eclectic approach to help fifth- and sixth-grade students explore science, technology, engineering and math through hands-on educational workshops that supplement their school curriculum.

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