



Destination Ag

ABAC's Georgia Museum of Agriculture

Programming Guide Fall 2022



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What is Destination Ag?

Destination Ag (DA) is a living classroom! As an agriculture and natural resources education program provided by ABAC's Georgia Museum of Agriculture, DA's mission is to increase awareness of how agriculture and natural resources play an important role in our daily lives. Programming focuses on hands-on, interactive activities that allow your students to make real world connections. Participants will have a better understanding of where their food, fiber, and shelter come from!



A Little About Us

In 2016, the Harley Langdale, Jr. Foundation and the GMA partnered together for a common goal: to increase children's connection between their daily lives and agriculture and natural resources. The generous contribution of the Harley Langdale, Jr. Foundation provided support for the creation of Destination Ag.

Destination Ag is currently offering programming at no cost to public school children in PreK, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades in thirteen counties (counties listed on page 3). Programming is available to schools outside the target counties at a reasonable rate (page 3).



Types of Programs

Destination Ag offers a variety two types of programs: on-site and virtual. Availability is dependent upon student numbers, staff availability, and timeframe.

- ♦ **On-site Programs:** Spend a day with Destination Ag at ABAC's Georgia Museum of Agriculture as students explore agriculture and natural resources in our outdoor classroom! Program cost \$7/student.
- ♦ **Virtual Programs:** Destination Ag staff provide live, online learning straight into your classroom! Cost for two lessons for up to four classrooms is \$45. Additional lessons and classrooms may be available at an additional cost.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Destination Ag offers free programming for grades PreK, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade to the following public school districts: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, Turner, Valdosta City, and Worth. Programming is offered to groups outside these grade levels and districts at the listed cost.



Which Program is Best for You?

To provide the most interactive programming, Destination Ag suggests schools partake in on-site field trips. However, this may not be possible for all schools. The following questions will help you decide which Destination Ag program is best for your students.

- ♦ Does your school district allow field trips?
 - ◇ If yes, then On-site Programs are probably best for you!
- ♦ Do you have a full day available or only a partial day?
 - ◇ Your school can visit Destination Ag for On-site Programming for the entire day or for just two classes!
 - ◇ Virtual Programming may be your better option if your school is very limited on time.
- ♦ Do you have a classroom of virtual students?
 - ◇ If yes, then virtual programming will be your best option. If you have only a handful of virtual students, perhaps your school can stream your on-site lessons to the virtual students.
- ♦ Is there Destination Ag programming for schools that are not allowed field trips?
 - ◇ Yes! Virtual, Guided Live Stream Field Trips are available!

Interested in History?

Would you like to visit a one-room schoolhouse or see a gristmill in action? The GMA offers field trips which allows schools to explore the Historic Village. Visit our website, <https://gma.abac.edu/education/historic-field-trips/> to learn more about historic programs offered by the GMA.



How to Book

1. Review your school calendar and pick two to three dates.
 - 3rd and 5th grade Fall 22 & PreK and 1st grade Spring 23
 - must book 3 weeks in advance
2. Contact Destination Ag to determine availability . Make sure you know:
 - total number of students
 - number of classrooms
3. Once a date is set, a reservation confirmation will be sent.

Contact Us!

Interested in booking a date? Contact Kelly Scott at kscott@abac.edu or 229/391-5221.



On-site Field Experience Details

- ◆ Each session is 45-minutes and lessons are adapted to grade level state educational standards (page 7).
- ◆ Schools can select up to **two** lessons listed below. The Free Time session is included with all field experiences.
- ◆ Available for up to five to six classrooms a day or 125-150 students.
- ◆ Groups may bring sack lunches to enjoy a 30-minute break under the Opry Shelter pavilion.
- ◆ To assist in the safety of staff and visitors, Destination Ag instructors will provide hand sanitizer. Visit the [website](#) for further information on the Museum's COVID-19 response.
- ◆ Teachers and bus drivers do not pay Museum admission. All other adults must pay general Museum admission upon arrival. Tuesday through Friday, general admission is \$9 + tax. The Historic Village is closed on Mondays, however; the Museum Main Hall and Gallery are open. Monday adult general admission is \$4 + tax.

Field Experiences Available

3rd & 5th (45-minute lessons)

Agriculture & Natural Resources Careers-Erosion Specialist: An erosion specialist is an underemphasized but vital career that impacts us all. Students will be introduced to the career, erosion and how to limit its impact, and the importance of soil. With the help of an interactive erosion table, students will be able to see erosion in action! This program addresses the following GSEs: S3E1, S5E1

Fluke or Fortune: In this economics-based lesson, students will learn about two Georgia commodities and the common problems each industry faces, while also getting a glimpse at how quickly misfortune can ruin it all. At the end, students will get the chance to test their luck by picking a commodity and rolling the dice to see if they would come out victorious or surrender under the circumstances. This program addresses the following GSEs: SS3E1, SS5E3, S5L4

Animal Academy: Students will explore the animal world by visiting with some of the Museum's resident animals, including a Virginia opossum. Adaptations, classification, conservation and myth debunking are the main focus of discussion. A visit to the Langdale Nature Center is included with this lesson. This program addresses the following GSEs: S3L1.b, c, S5L1.a

Coastal Plains: Come discover why Georgia's largest georegion, the Coastal Plains, is so unique! Students will learn why the Coastal Plains is known as the 'Peanut Belt,' visit with Georgia's state reptile, a gopher tortoise; and discover why prescribed fire is important to the Coastal Plains and the longleaf pine ecosystem. This program addresses the following GSEs: S3E1.b, S3L1, SS3G3, S5L1.a, SS5H1.b

Free Time*: This session is included for all on-site field experiences. Students learn through play while enjoying non-structured time at our agriculturally themed play area. Groups may visit DA's aquaponics system, say hi to DA livestock, and even visit the Drug Store in the Historic Village (not available on Mondays) for souvenirs and snacks. The teacher must be inside with the students when they are in the Drug Store. Schools may pre-purchase ice cream for their students. Contact Tonia Carpenter at 229/391-5205 or tcarpenter@abac.edu if interested. Visiting teachers are responsible for their students during this session. More than one class may be at Free Time area during one period.

Virtual, Guided Live Stream Details

- ◆ Each lesson is 30-minutes with time available for questions.
- ◆ Available for up to four classrooms at one time.
- ◆ Free programming includes two virtual lessons: Coastal Plains and Animal Academy.
- ◆ Virtual lessons are provided using Google Meet.
- ◆ Recording of Destination Ag virtual programs is prohibited.
- ◆ Lessons are adapted for grade level to ensure state educational standards are addressed (page).
- ◆ Destination Ag staff will email worksheets and additional resources for your selected program prior to your scheduled date.

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Art & Writing Contest



- ◆ Participating Destination Ag students from gift funded schools and grades (page 3) are encouraged to enter the Museum's agriculture and natural resource art and writing contest. The purpose is for students to communicate the value of agriculture and natural resources in our daily lives through their illustrations and writings.
- ◆ For each participating county (page 3), one student winner will be awarded per grade bracket along with his/her teacher. Grade brackets are PreK and first, third and fifth. Student winners are awarded a \$100 gift card and teachers are awarded \$500.
- ◆ Teachers will receive entry forms during Destination Ag programming. Each teacher is allowed one student entry.
- ◆ All entries will become property of the GMA to use, produce, or transfer rights as its sole discretion.

State Standards

Destination Ag programming targets GELDs, Georgia's Standards of Excellence (GSE), and the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (Agriculture and Natural Resources Careers lesson). Below detail the standards that your students will explore during their program.

3rd

Lesson	Standards
ANR Career: Erosion Specialist	S3E1
Fluke or Fortune	SS3E1
Animal Academy	S3L1.b, c
Coastal Plains	S3E1, S3L1, SS3G3

5th

Lesson	Standards
ANR Career: Erosion Specialist	S5E1
Fluke or Fortune	SS5E3, S5L4
Animal Academy	S5L1.a
Coastal Plains	S5L1.a, SS5H1.b



Outreach, Traveling Trunks Details



- ◆ Destination Ag and the Georgia Farm Bureau collaborated to create Traveling Trunks to teach children about agriculture and natural resources in Georgia. The trunks provide hands-on experiences linked to Georgia educational standards.
- ◆ Two trunks available in each Farm Bureau region: Forestry Trunk and Peanut Trunk.
- ◆ Teachers can check out the trunks at no cost! Trunks have all materials necessary for teachers to incorporate the lessons into their classroom.
- ◆ Contact your local Farm Bureau office, <https://www.gfb.org/about-us/contact-us.cms>, for further information.
- ◆ Price: FREE!

Outreach, Family Farm Book Series

- ◆ Free, literary resources written at an elementary reader level.
- ◆ Provides an entertaining and unique look into Georgia's agriculture industry.
- ◆ Two books currently available: "Our Family's Tree Farm" and "My Family's Peach Farm."
- ◆ Two lessons available with each book, integrating subjects like Math, ELA, and Social Studies. Lessons cover third through fifth grades.
- ◆ Books and lessons available to download from Destination Ag website at <https://gma.abac.edu/education/destination-ag/#Family-Farm-Book-Series>.
- ◆ Free hard copies also available while supplies last. Complete this [registration form](#) to obtain copies for your classroom or school.



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