

**NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION
FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM, INC.
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Natural and Economic Resources Joint Subcommittee

1. Mission & Programs – Ag in the Classroom is an educational program designed to enhance students' understanding of and appreciation for the #1 industry in North Carolina and the United States, agriculture. The program provides teachers with curricula and inservice workshops based on Common Core and Essential Standards. Volunteers within our county Farm Bureaus then assist teachers with gardens, tours, and other such activities that make agriculture "come alive" for students. Funding provided by the state is primarily used to support the inservice workshops for teachers.
2. Customer/Target Population – North Carolina teachers and students, grades PreK-12.
3. Organizational Inception – Ag in the Classroom has provided services since its inception in 1985.
4. Footprint – Ag in the Classroom is available in public schools across all one hundred counties in North Carolina.
5. Organizational Budget – Ag in the Classroom operates on a calendar year

	2012	2011
Contributions from individuals	\$ 21,213.00	\$ 22,383.00
Grant NC Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services	21,175.00	22,077.00
Interest Earned	0.00	4,424.00
Proceeds from Certificate of Deposit	0.00	355,880.00
Total Source of Funds	\$ 42,388.00	\$404,764.00

	2010	2009
Contributions from individuals	\$ 15,415.00	\$ 9,979.00
Grant NC Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services	23,760.00	24,750.00
USDA Farmer Grows a Rainbow Grant	10,000.00	24,592.00
Interest Earned	7,406.00	12,990.00
Proceeds from Certificate of Deposit	136,446.00	165,405.00
Total Source of Funds	\$ 193,027.00	\$237,716.00

	2008
Contributions from individuals	\$ 20,336.00
Grant NC Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services	25,000.00
USDA Farmer Grows a Rainbow Grant	44,593.00
Interest Earned	25,259.00
Proceeds from Certificate of Deposit	100,000.00
Total Source of Funds	\$ 215,188.00

6. Salary Compliance – There are no state-supported positions with annual salaries above \$ 120,000.
7. Lobbying Services – There are no paid lobbyist in the organization as employees or contractors.
8. Key Performance Indicators – We have no such detailed information available.
9. Similar Organizations – All state Farm Bureaus support a version of the Ag in the Classroom program, often in cooperation with the state's departments of agriculture and land grant university systems. North Carolina has – from the very beginning – insisted that all curricula and workshops align with state-mandated standards.
10. Budgetary Impact – The state funding reductions have meant we reduced the scope of the teacher workshops. The numbers were reduced from 45+ to 12-15 teachers. We have not generated revenue sources from other entities and have chosen to fund the program from the Farm Bureau Federation. The program is in the process of being restructured. Ag in the classroom would understand if NER implemented a goal of self-supporting. If NER were to eliminate the funding NC Farm Bureau would probably eliminate the teacher workshops.

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