



## School Meals

### Event/Activity Details

**Length:** 1 hour - 1 week

**Items Needed:**

- Informational resources
- Giveaway items
- Posters
- Food donation items

**Objective:** Students will learn about agriculture and National Ag Day through targeted efforts during school mealtimes.

### Implementation Ideas

*Ways to bring this event/activity to life:*

**Mealtime Giveaways**

Ask local elementary schools if you can distribute free giveaway items such as activity sheets, stickers, or printable books during a school meal.

**Local Donations**

With cooperation of the school or university, ask various producers or grocers to donate items (milk, ice cream, bread, burgers, etc.) during National Ag Week. Highlight a different commodity each day or focus on one all week. Contact your state's School Food Service Association for assistance.

**Cafeteria Display**

With permission from the school or university, put up posters in the cafeteria or dining halls about National Ag Week and fun agriculture facts.

### Timeline

*Things to keep in mind:*

**Before**

- Contact the school to get permission to conduct your Ag Day efforts.
- Determine logistics with producers/grocers who are donating items.
- Create posters and have the school review them.
- Print the posters and any handouts/giveaways.
- Get permission to take photos.

**During**

- Share details about National Ag Day and your state's agriculture.

**After**

- Send thank you notes to volunteers, school officials, and donors.
- Share a press release and a social media post about your Ag Day efforts.

### Recommended Resources

- [Snacks Ag Mag](#)
- [Livestock and Commodity Barn Banners](#)
- [My American Farm Printable Books and eComics](#)
- More agriculture-related activities and resources at [www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog](http://www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog)