# Ag Day Panel/Talks



# **Event/Activity Details**

Length: ~2 hours

## **Items Needed:**

- Venue
- Refreshments
- Guest speakers
- · Audio/visual equipment
- Booths/tables

**Objective:** Participants will learn about agriculture by attending panel discussions or presentations.

# Implementation Ideas

Ways to bring this event/activity to life:

#### **Lecture Series**

Invite a guest speaker to speak about agriculture at your local venue during National Agriculture Week. This could be a local farmer, extension agent, or businessperson. Make it a series by spreading it out across a few weeks.

# **Panel**

Invite 4-5 guest speakers to be a part of an Ag Day panel. Choose a theme to focus the conversation around such as soil health, sustainability, food safety, food security, etc.

#### **Talks**

Choose a weekday evening or Saturday afternoon and invite speakers to give a 5-8 minute "talk" about agriculture. Have a room with refreshments and booths with extension or other agriculture groups.

# **Timeline**

Things to keep in mind:

## **Before**

- · Decide on the format of the presentations.
- Invite guest speakers and share presentation parameters.
- Review speeches and PowerPoint slidedecks (if neccessary).
- · Designate a master of ceremonies.
- · Create and print programs.
- · Advertise event to the community.
- Establish refreshments.
- Reserve venue, seating, and A/V equipment.

# **During**

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

## **After**

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

## **Recommended Resources**

- Food and Farm Facts
- More agriculture-related activities and resources at <u>www.agfoundation.org/ag-lit-catalog</u>