

Farm Smart

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48 schools from 21 districts across Imperial County, Yuma and Mexicali visit Farm Smart each year

The Desert Research and Extension Center (DREC) has been an integral part of California's agricultural community since 1912. DREC conducts innovative and relevant agricultural, natural resources, and environmental research and education programs. One of the pillars of DREC's mission is to educate the public through a growing Farm Smart program that was established in 2001. This program promotes a better understanding of agriculture, the source of our food, fiber and energy, and its impact on our economy and daily lives, as well as protecting natural resources and cultivating healthy people and communities.



10,899
total Farm Smart participants



5,195
participants in community activities and presentations



1,164
volunteer hours
equivalent to
\$31,428
worth of donated time



5,048 participants in K-12 field trips, career workshops and DREC events

"Ballington Academy Charter School's 5th and 6th grade students enjoyed the Farm Smart experience. They were kept busy and engaged the entire time. They have a lot of hands-on activities which enriched the experience. Thank you, Farm Smart.."

—Ballington Academy Teacher

USDA People's Garden



656
adult participants in winter farm tours



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