

Farm Smart


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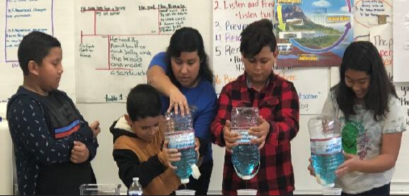


Canceled field trips due to COVID-19 restrictions resulted in approximately 2,244 less participants

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.



6,884
total Farm Smart participants



Intern, Mariana, develops and delivers Project WET curriculum and explores careers in agriculture

3,670
participants in community activities and presentations



2nd annual Farm to Preschool Festival offers hands-on experiences with agriculture



2nd Annual Read with a Farmer
1200
Participants
from
38 classrooms
6 libraries



Westmorland Food Pantry harvesting from garden

299
participants in K-12 field trips, career workshops & DREC events

"Thank you so much for your hospitality and showcasing the amazing science that is going on right in our backyard!"

—John Lazarcik,
ICOE STEM Coordinator

IV AG Tours for Teachers



15 Imperial County educators in grades 5-12 participated in 1st annual IV Ag tours for Teachers

Over 750lbs of onions donated to IV Food Bank



224
Adult participants in Winter farm tours

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