

# Farmer and Food Connections – Examples of programs



The *Pick of the Crop* program encourages schools to connect with farmers and agriculture businesses to help students become more aware of how fresh produce is grown, harvested and processed for consumption. A range of programs and activities are available for Queensland schools.

The list below is not exhaustive, and Health and Wellbeing Queensland does not endorse these programs. It is up to each school to assess the programs content, its currency and suitability for their school environment.

For more information or advice, contact the program directly or, where available, contact your local *Pick of the Crop* regional coordinator.

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<b>School to Industry Partnership Program</b>	<p>Delivered by AgForce.</p> <p>Funded by Queensland Government through Agribusiness Gateway to Industry Schools Project and the Australian Governments Educating Kids about Agriculture: Kids to Farms project</p>	<p>The School to Industry Partnership Program (SIPP) is a conduit between Queensland primary producing agribusiness and primary and secondary schools (students and educators).</p> <p>SIPP delivers events and programs throughout the year to educate students about the origins of food and fibre, and to engage them with primary production and agricultural sectors. Events may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOO BAA MUNCH</b> – Held at school farms, these are hands on workshops for primary and secondary students.</li> <li>• <b>AG CONNECT</b> – Held at schools; this event provides an opportunity to engage with industry.</li> <li>• <b>INDUSTRY TOURS</b></li> <li>• <b>FARMER IN THE CLASSROOM</b> – Industry presenters visit primary or secondary schools and present to students on agricultural industries, following the paddock to plate process.</li> <li>• <b>CREATIVE AG COMPETITION</b> – Adaptable program for primary and secondary students to take on the challenge to creatively represent what farming means to them, their future and wider community.</li> <li>• <b>TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b> – Food, fibre and agricultural educator professional development events.</li> <li>• <b>RURAL DAYS/EXPOS/CAREER EXPOS</b></li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Online link</a></p>

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<b>Agribusiness Gateway to Industry Schools</b>	Queensland Government - Department of Agriculture and Fisheries	This program educates and encourages students to become part of the agriculture workforce, in collaboration with schools, VET providers, universities and industry.	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>VEG Education</b>	Velisha farms (Victoria based)	Run by an education company, it provides direct access to industry who deliver specialised programs. This includes real-life examples and case studies.  <a href="#">Veg schools</a> provides a program for <a href="#">primary schools</a> , <a href="#">secondary schools</a> , <a href="#">virtual farm experience</a> and <a href="#">vocational horticulture</a> .	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Primezone</b>	Primary Industries Education Foundation Australia (PIEFA)	PIEFA is a not-for-profit teaching resources foundation formed through a collaboration between the Australian Government, primary industries organisations and the education sector producing teacher resources, lesson plans and online curriculum-based courses.  There are lesson plans for Years K-3, 4-6, 7-10 and 11-12, along with online educational courses. It includes a wide range of <a href="#">resources</a> , with links to other programs in this document. <a href="#">Primezone Academy</a> is available – eLearning for students and teachers.	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Farmer Time</b>	PIEFA, and hosted as part of Primezone.	Farmer time is about ‘Digitally connecting famers, fishers and foresters with Australian Classroom’. It ‘helps students understand where their food and fibre comes from’. There are resources for <a href="#">teachers</a> , <a href="#">primary producers</a> and students can ask questions.  Students (K-12) can take a virtual tour and experience what careers in food and fibre look like. It provides a ‘real-world’ context to food and fibre curriculum.  A document on how Farmer Time links to the National Curriculum is included (teacher resource).	<a href="#">Online link</a>

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<b>George the Farmer</b>	George the Farmer	<p>Based in regional South Australia, their vision is ‘a world where children connect to the earth, food and farm’ through the production of fun picture storybooks, with characters. It is a P-4 resource.</p> <p>They have music, <a href="#">free paddock-to-plate videos</a>, <a href="#">apps</a>, VR videos, nationally touring performances and <a href="#">free downloadable curriculum-aligned educators (teachers guides) resources</a>.</p>	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Junior Landcare</b>	Managed by <a href="#">Landcare Australia</a>	<p>‘<b>Junior Landcare</b> provides children with the opportunity to play an active role in ensuring the safe future of their environment’. There is a <a href="#">learning centre</a>, the <a href="#">educator hub</a> (includes activity sheets, extension activities, videos, reference lists) and <a href="#">grants</a>.</p> <p>The learning centre includes activities on <a href="#">Creating a food garden: harvesting</a>; <a href="#">Creating a food garden: planting</a>; <a href="#">Creating a food garden: installing a no dig garden bed</a>; and <a href="#">Creating a food garden: vision</a>. There is also <a href="#">just for kids</a> (activities and worksheets).</p> <p><a href="#">Woolworths Junior Landcare grants</a> are also available.</p>	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour</b>	Woolworths	<p>Updated curriculum resources are available for Yr 5 and 6. A classroom kit can be requested by teachers, with a limited number of resources available online.</p> <p>This new experience has been developed following the instore Discovery Tours being cancelled due to COVID-19.</p>	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Farms2Schools</b>	Port Phillip and Westernport CMA	<p><a href="#">Farms2Schools</a> was a six-month program delivering online school incursions to provide students with an insight into how agricultural products go from paddock to plate.</p> <p>Resources are available online, including a <a href="#">pest management school education kit</a>, buying <a href="#">local produce activity kit</a>, YouTube clips and other activities.</p>	<a href="#">Online link</a>



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<b>Farming for Our Future - Virtual Excursion</b>	CERES School of Nature and Climate	As this is based in Victoria, the <a href="#">virtual excursions, and Curriculum resources</a> may be useful for Queensland schools. There is also information available on <a href="#">excursions</a> and <a href="#">incursions</a> , focusing on climate and sustainability.	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Meet a farmer</b>	Qld Country Women's Association (QCWA) - Country Kitchens	Meet a Farmer builds on networks and knowledge of QCWA and develops relationships with producers. The concept is about farmers nominating themselves or Queenslanders nominating a <a href="#">local farmer</a> . The farmers may not be specifically focusing on growing vegetables or fruit and the program depends on a local QCWA facilitator.	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Inquisitive</b>	An Australian education company	Requiring a subscription, this site has lessons and assessments using original stimulus resources and in-built differentiation. Uses the Australian Curriculum. It has 'everything you need to teach Science, History and Geography for Years P – 6). There are links from the curriculum to farms and agriculture through unit plans.	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Phenomenom</b>	Funded by Hort Innovation	Including resources aligned to the Australian Curriculum, this free digital <a href="#">toolkit</a> for teachers, packed with webisodes, nomcasts, lessons and <a href="#">lesson plans</a> designed to engage students in learning.	<a href="#">Online link</a>
<b>Mushrooms in schools</b>	Australian Mushroom Growers Association	This program is to help primary school educators teach students all about mushrooms! It could be used as an alternative to students visiting farms. Curriculum aligned lessons plans that can be used in full or pick and choose. Kits provided to schools free.	<a href="#">Online link</a>



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