



Fact Sheet on Food, Land & People's *Resources for Learning*

Food, Land & People's interdisciplinary curriculum, *Resources for Learning*, currently serves Pre-K to 12th grade students throughout the United States. This supplementary curriculum consists of fifty-five hands-on lessons, with twenty currently translated into Spanish. The lessons are objective in content and promote the development of critical thinking skills so that students can better understand the interrelationships among agriculture, the environment, and people of the world. **Lesson Topics** include:

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| Agriculture - "It All Starts with A" | Interdependence - "Trading Favorites" |
| Conservation - "Don't Use It All Up!" | Land Use - "In Harmony" |
| Consumer Behavior - "Be Label Able" | Natural Resources - "Perc Through the Pores" |
| Cultural Diversity - "Breads Around the World" | Nutrition - "Chewsy Choices" |
| Environment - "Trash Bashing" | Plants - "Root, Root for Life" |
| Food and Fiber Production - "Banking on Seeds" | Population - "Six Billion and Still Growing" |
| Global Connections - "Global Grocery Bags" | Stewardship - "What Will the Land Support?" |

Evaluation

Resources for Learning has demonstrated its effectiveness through pilot and field testing. Over 4000 students in grades two through nine and 200 teachers participated in a field test of the curriculum during the 1996-97 school year, in California, Connecticut, and Ohio. In addition, more than 1,000 professionals (teachers, scientists, farmers, and conservationists, among others) have reviewed the materials for technical accuracy and balance in presentation.

Indexing

The lesson plans are indexed under a variety of categories to help educators choose appropriate lessons to use in their classes. In addition to a listing by grade and topic, the lessons are indexed by skills, subjects, and themes. Some examples include:

<u>SKILLS</u>		<u>SUBJECTS</u>		<u>THEMES</u>
Analyzing	Identifying	Consumer Education	Health	Balance
Applying	Observing	Economics	History	Community
Collaborating	Predicting	Environmental	Language Arts (Reading)	Diversity
Critical Thinking	Problem Solving	Studies	Mathematics	Nature
Evaluating	Synthesizing	Geography	Science	Environment
	Writing	Government	Social Studies	Sustainability

Nearly 12,000 teachers are presently using Food, Land & People's lessons with over 300,000 or more students. Food, Land & People has pioneered an innovative implementation model based on state coalition building and facilitator training workshops. Twenty-three state coalitions are currently disseminating *Resources for Learning* to educators. Many states have correlated the materials to state standards, including California.

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