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# To School Administration, to Coordinate with Elementary School Teachers

## New York Ag Literacy Week

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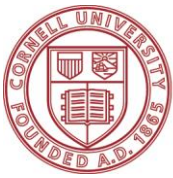
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A full description of Ag Literacy Week is attached. Please consider signing your school up to participate. We'll coordinate a volunteer reader to come read the book to your Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The book is then donated to your school's library. Additional activities and lesson plans about agriculture are available.

Contact us by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
by filling out the attached form.

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To: Elementary School Administrators and Teachers  
From: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County  
RE: 2017 New York Agricultural Literacy Week

## Overview

In celebration of National Agriculture Week (March 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>), volunteers throughout the state will read a book with an agricultural theme to second graders, and other elementary aged students. Students and teachers will also benefit from hands-on lessons and receive follow up activities. The book will be given to the school library with a bookplate recognizing the donor and NY Ag Literacy Week. 2,000 books were donated last year across the state, while thousands of second graders participated in fun and educational activities.

2017 Ag Literacy Week begins Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Start to finish, the program takes about 30-45 minutes per classroom. Our volunteers are flexible, and you can request to make your session shorter or longer.

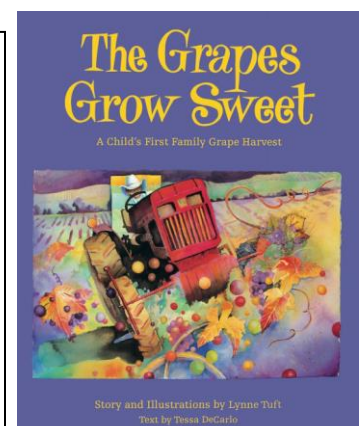
1. Literacy Volunteers work with their county coordinators to set up visits to their local schools.
2. Volunteers read to students in elementary classrooms.
3. Following the reading, volunteers do an activity with students and share their experiences in agriculture.
4. The book is donated to the school's library.

To sign your school up for Ag Literacy Week, please send the attached form to our County Coordinator by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. All activity materials are prepared by NYAITC and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County and each school will receive a free copy of the book to be donated to the central or classroom libraries.

### **2017 Book: *The Grapes Grow Sweet*** **By Lynne Tuft**

The signature book for 2017 is *The Grapes Grow Sweet* by Lynne Tuft and illustrated by Tessa DeCarlo. This wonderful story celebrates New York's booming grape industries and captures the way of life for over 1,600 family-owned vineyards in our state. New York ranks third nationally in grape production, with 75% of grapes produced being made into grape juice and the other 25% processed in wine and used in the craft beverage industry.

STEM careers and post-secondary opportunities related to the grape industry are also growing in our state - from grape production, research, crop management, processing, tourism, and hospitality. It will be essential for our students to understand the importance of grapes as an economic driver in communities across New York, and develop an awareness for future career possibilities. All lessons, activities, and companion materials are aligned to the Common Core Learning Standards.



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