

# Arkansas Department of Education Elementary Agriculture Education Success Stories



"I applied for the pilot program because we already had a school garden and I wanted to learn how to maximize its use to best serve my students. Adding the curriculum has increased our understanding of the role agriculture plays in our world."

**Haley Greer, GT Coordinator  
Monticello School District**



"Implementing agricultural education at the elementary level has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. We've successfully helped students develop their agricultural literacy, reaching students from Kindergarten through 7th grade. Every day, I have the privilege of fostering their understanding of food, fiber, and fuel, and how agriculture plays a crucial role in their daily lives."

**Grace Bean, Elementary Agriculture Educator  
Lamar School District**



"Our district chose to participate in the Elementary Agriculture pilot to expand hands-on, career-connected learning for our youngest students. In a rural community, agriculture is not only part of our heritage—it is part of our students' daily lives. This program has allowed us to bring relevance to the classroom through weekly greenhouse and outdoor lab experiences, animal science investigations, conservation practices, and real partnerships with local farmers, the Izaard County Conservation District, and the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. We are proud to be part of a program that connects Arkansas kids to Arkansas agriculture in meaningful, lasting ways."

**Courtney Selph, PK-12 STEM Coordinator  
Izaard County Consolidated School District**

