



AMERICAN FARM BUREAU
FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURE

Celebrating 50 Years!
Let's Keep Growing

2017
ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION:

Building awareness,
understanding and
a positive public
perception
of agriculture
through education.

50 YEARS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Message from the Chairman

50 Years and Growing

In 2017, the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture celebrated its founding 50 years ago.



The original mission of the Foundation focused on research about agricultural mechanization and technology. In 2006, in response to industry advances and assessment of continuing needs, the mission evolved to include a strong educational focus.

Today, at 50 years strong, the Foundation's mission centers on agricultural literacy. Simply put, we believe that everyone should have an understanding of where their food comes from. To reach that goal, we offer a variety of standards-based programs for educators, volunteers and families.

These are a few of the Foundation's premier resources and programs:

Food and Farm Facts – a 32-page color book, map, activity cards and related products feature facts about food in America, how it is grown and who produces it.

The Purple Plow Maker Space Challenge – uses science, technology, engineering and math resources to encourage students to research scenarios related to food, hunger and sustainability.

My American Farm – educates about agriculture in a fun way through 24 interactive computer games, e-comics, videos, free lesson plans and activities.

Accurate Ag Resources – a curated list of publications, lesson plans and Ag Mags searchable by reading level, topic and type.

Feeding Minds Press – a new children's book publishing venture.

Through resources like these, we aim to help young people grow into informed consumers who understand the importance of agriculture and how and why farmers and ranchers do what they do. Donations of every size, large and small, help us create these materials and get them into the hands of educators and students.

Thank you for helping us further our mission of agricultural literacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zippy Duvall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "Z" and "D".

Zippy Duvall
CHAIRMAN



Celebrating the Foundation's 50th anniversary!

50
DONORS

received golden tickets for a free educational resource



Thank you for getting us to 50 years! Let's keep going! Fifty years and growing!

1 STATE FARM BUREAU

received the Ultimate Golden Ticket

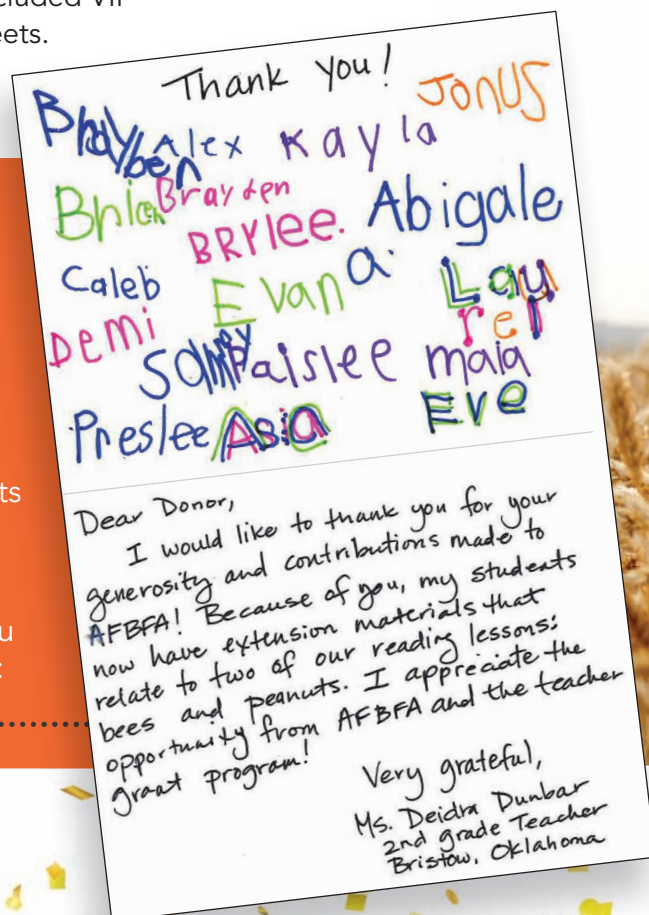
State Farm Bureaus that achieved the Apex Award were entered into a drawing for the Ultimate Golden Ticket, which was a VIP trip for two to the 2018 AFBF Annual Convention. Michigan Farm Bureau won the drawing, and their winners' prize included VIP seating at events and meet-and-greets.



50
TEACHERS

received \$50 grants to our accurate ag resource store

Here is a thank-you letter we received:





OVER RESOURCES
OFFERED FOR
300 FREE

122,651 My American
Farm game
plays in 2017

My American Farm continues to be the
flagship program of the Foundation as we
reach students, families and teachers to
educate about agriculture in a fun way.
www.myamericanfarm.org



1,126,161 PEOPLE
REACHED

by the Purple Plow STEM Challenge
since it began in 2017
www.purpleplow.org

12,806 Thrive
plays

Thrive was the most popular
game in 2017



9,671 Grocery
Grab plays

Grocery Grab was the second
most popular game in 2017



10,376
DOWNLOADS

Free Resources were
downloaded 10,376
times from the
Foundation's website!



Facebook Likes: **8,349**



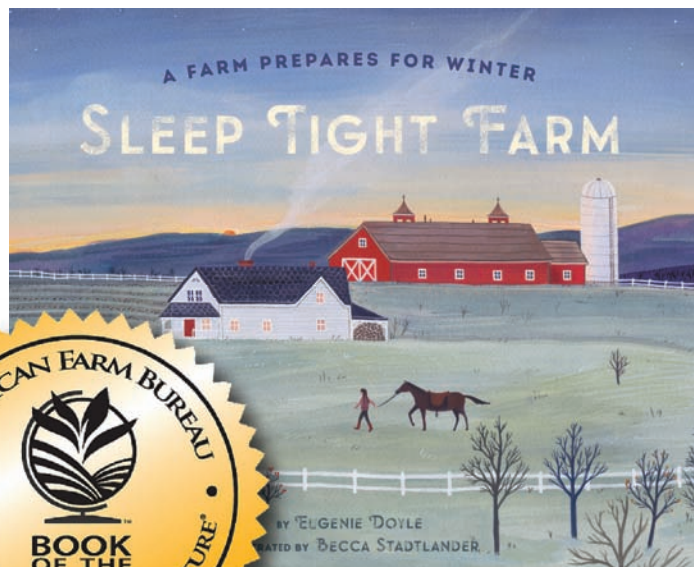
Twitter Followers: **4,374**



Website Visits: **190,760**

6,221 BOOK OF THE YEAR PLACEMENTS

In 2017, we awarded the 10th-ever Book of the Year award to Eugenie Doyle's book "Sleep Tight Farm."



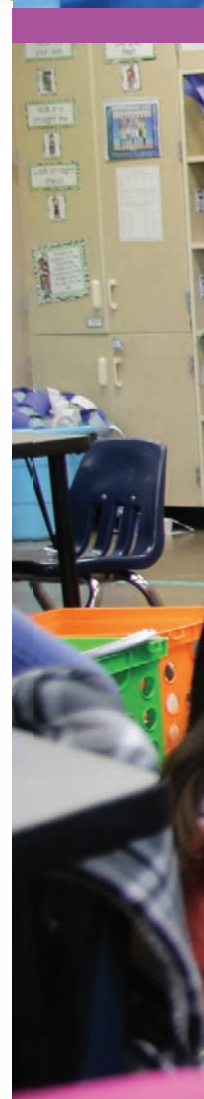
41,360 resource placements

The Foundation has resources on a range of topics from apples, bees, corn, soybeans, beef, pigs and poultry to careers in agriculture and more.



5 NEW RESOURCES IN 2017

- Sustainability Resource
- Food and Farm Facts
- True Beef: Pasture to Plate
- When I Grow Up: AG Careers
- Cotton Ag Mag





10 places we visited

- AFBF Convention
- AFBF FUSION Conference
- NSTA Conference
- National Cattleman's Beef Association Conference
- Children's Museum Conference
- National Ag in the Classroom Conference
- FFA Convention
- International Association of Fairs and Expositions
- Book Expo America





22 White-Reinhardt Grants across the country

The White-Reinhardt mini grants allow us to fund multiple ag literacy projects across the United States each year. Each grant in 2017 was \$500; grants have been raised to \$1,000 for 2018.

1 Grand Prize Winner of the First Peas Contest

The winner of the 2017 First Peas to the Table Contest was Mary Tomlin's third-grade class at Fayette Academy in Somerville, Tennessee. Tomlin's class won a visit from Miss America 2017, Savvy Shields.



11 White-Reinhardt Scholarships

These educators receive a \$1,500 scholarship to help them attend the National Ag in the Classroom Conference. In 2017 the conference was held in Missouri.



“ I will provide teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to incorporate ag literacy into their classrooms in hopes that all students know where food comes from and can make informed, agricultural-based decisions in the future. ”

– Tracey Tumaniec

2017 WHITE-REINHARDT
TEACHER WINNER

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a green jacket, is smiling and interacting with a dark-colored calf in a barn. She is holding a small object in her hand, which the calf is looking at. The background shows a chain-link fence and wooden structures.

“ ONE EDUCATOR SAID:
This experience opened my eyes to essentially another world. My experience with agriculture was non-existent. With the On the Farm STEM event, I am now confident with incorporating agricultural units into my STEM classes. ”

3 STEM Educator On the Farm outreach events hosted 70 educators in 2017

2017

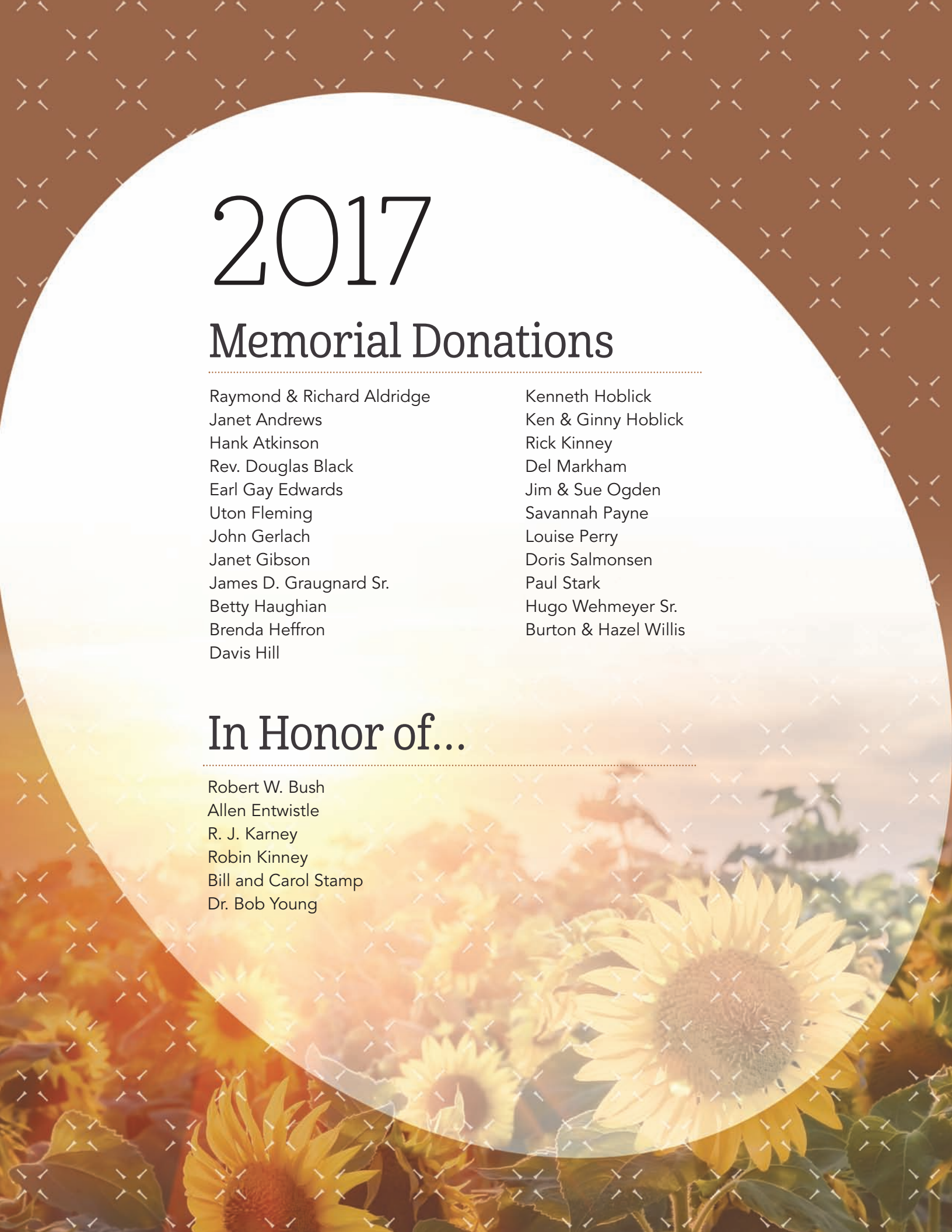
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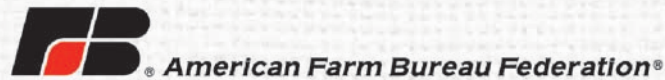
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We have so much to celebrate! Twenty-seventeen was our 50th anniversary, and we accomplished so much. Thank you for making this year such a success!

As you have seen in the pages of this annual report, the Foundation has worked tirelessly to increase agricultural literacy, and we are seeing the results.

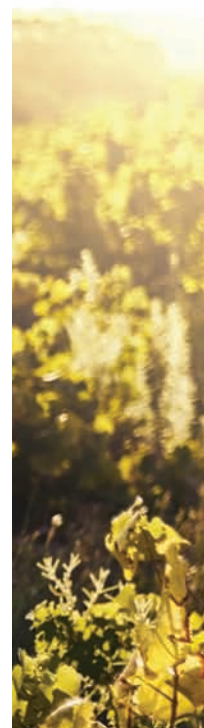
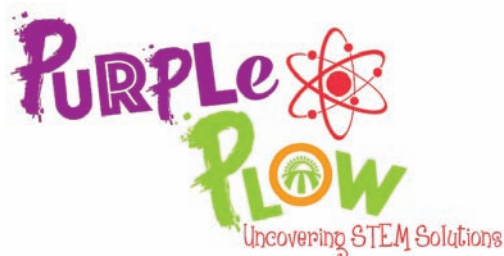
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In 2018, we will also see the continuation of our newest program, Purple Plow, as well as some exciting additions to My American Farm. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter so you never miss a thing!

Overall, please remember: you are at the heart of what we do in the Foundation. Your passion for education and understanding of the value of agricultural literacy are the fuel to our fire. Please continue to support the Foundation.

Here's to a great 2017 and an even better 2018!

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