

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture Watermelon Challenge



Join the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture in a watermelon growing challenge! Second-grade students will have the chance to grow watermelons while learning about agriculture and the hard work farmers and ranchers put into growing food for the world.

Who can participate?

Second-grade students including homeschool students across Oklahoma are encouraged to participate in the challenge with their class.

How do students get involved?

Classroom teachers can sign their classrooms up by emailing Holly Carroll at holly.carroll@aggiving.org. Teachers will receive a kit for their classrooms including 30 seed packets, activity books and resources for lessons.

When does the challenge start?

Watermelon seeds can be planted late-April to mid-May, but the soil temperature needs to be 70 degrees Fahrenheit for the seeds to germinate. To find current soil temperatures for your area, visit the Oklahoma Mesonet system website or use a soil thermometer.

What happens after harvest?

Oklahoma's state vegetable requires a growing season of 80 days. After students harvest the melon, they must submit a photo with the watermelon to holly.carroll@aggiving.org to complete the challenge.

Each participant will receive a certificate, and OKFB Foundation for Agriculture will select three winners for a \$100 prize.

What is the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture?

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture was founded in 2011 with a focus on educating Oklahomans about the important role agriculture plays in our everyday lives. We strive to educate consumers about their food and connect them with the people who grow and raise it. We are also proud to support Oklahomans in need, with a focus on using agriculture and our state's bounty to provide hope for our fellow citizens.

For more information, contact Holly Carroll by email at holly.carroll@aggiving.org or call (405) 523-2300.