



AAI 2.0 Recap



THE ROTATION OF FUTURE AAI 2.0 LOCATIONS

While AAI 1.0 will remain focused on agricultural production in Maricopa County, the new AAI 2.0 program will revolve around the state to showcase the many different and unique agricultural regions that Arizona has.

TOUR OF YUMA, AZ

In February, the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Agricultural Literacy program and the Arizona Foundation for Agricultural Literacy held their first Arizona Agricultural Institute 2.0 in Yuma, Arizona. Teachers were able to see why it is called the winter vegetable capital of the world! They had hands on experience harvesting lettuce and celery at the Yuma Agricultural Center, visited Keithly-Williams' seed facility and greenhouse, Kuechel citrus farm, GreenGate Fresh packing facility, DatePac packing facility, Five Rivers feedyard, and the San Luis Port of Entry to see the amount of people that cross the border every day to support the agricultural industry in Yuma.

IMPACT



Fourteen teachers from 10 of Arizona's 15 counties, who teach over 1,500 students annually, attended AAI 2.0 this year. Pre- and post-surveys were conducted to measure the teacher's change in knowledge in 7 areas: familiarity with greenhouse production, citrus production, agricultural workers and work conditions, leafy green harvesting and packaging, food safety, the date industry, and the beef industry. In all areas, an increase in knowledge occurred.

TEACHER TESTIMONIALS

The border crossing was awesome! I also thought the fact that the GreenGate Fresh people dismantle their whole facility to move it to Salinas was crazy, but makes sense. I can honestly say, I loved this entire trip!

A wonderful trip. It is amazing how much can be packed into 2 days. Wonderful job!

This was a great opportunity and I am glad I was a part of it.

Making contacts, like with Taylor and Katie, has been so valuable to all of my teaching. I also got to know some of the other agriculture teachers around the state, and that helps too.

Keithly Williams and Gary at the seed starting were so charismatic; all of the charismatic people telling their back stories and interests. The border workers were mind blowing to learn, see, and think about.



THANK YOU!



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