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Teachers, agriculture industry leaders from across the country to attend 2011 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. – Teachers from across the country will see Florida agriculture firsthand and participate in interactive workshops that show them how to incorporate real-life agricultural applications into their language arts, math, nutrition, science and social studies classroom lessons.

Almost 400 participants will take part in the 2011 National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference “Discover Education’s Hidden Treasure: Agriculture,” which is being hosted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Florida Agriculture in the Classroom and the Southern Region Agriculture in the Classroom states.

The conference will include tours of a tropical fruit packing house, tropical plant nurseries, and other stops in South Florida. Teachers and agriculture industry leaders will conduct workshops and share their perspectives as they mingle with teachers at the conference which will be held June 22-25 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale.

In addition to the numerous hands-on workshops and traveling tours, highlights of the conference include:

- An awards banquet where teachers from across the country will be honored.
- Renowned author and columnist Dennis T. Avery who will give a keynote speech that will challenge perceptions of the industry.
- A “Fresh From Florida Zone” where conference goers will sample fresh Florida fruits and produce, including avocados, orange juice and lychee fruit.
- An onsite cooking demonstration by the lively Chef Justin Timineri who will prepare smoothies and guacamole.

With a pirate theme and the beautiful Fort Lauderdale beach as a backdrop, this year’s Agriculture in the Classroom National Conference is sure to be both educational and exciting.
Jack and his band of pirates will be showing up throughout the conference to help bring to life this year’s theme, “Discover Education’s Hidden Treasure: Agriculture.”

The media is invited and encouraged to attend any portion of the conference. For more information and to view a detailed agenda, visit:

www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aitc/index.html

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