



December 1, 2010

Board of Supervisors  
El Dorado County  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisors:

This has been a landmark year for El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom (EDCAITC). Through a Specialty Crop Block Grant from California Department of Food and Agriculture, EDCAITC has piloted *Fields of Learning*, a school-farm partnership education program in Camino, launched its new website to provide teachers and the community for easy access to ag-education resources, and announced its *Teacher Summer Ag Institute* scheduled for June 2011. In addition, EDCAITC's 9th annual Farm Day was a great success, providing over 750 students with a fun day of learning about agriculture in context of local farms, ranches, and forests.

Agriculture is an essential part of our daily existence - from the food we eat, the clothes we wear, to the homes we live in. With less than 2% of Californians involved in agriculture, it is critical that our children learn where their food, fiber, and shelter come from. As students learn about soil, cultivation, food cycles, animals, nutrition, water, natural resources, and stewardship of the land, they begin to understand and appreciate the role of agriculture in their lives and our shared connection to nature and its bounty.

El Dorado County Ag in the Classroom is a local, grassroots, charitable nonprofit organization that provides high quality agriculture-related educational resources, programs, and training to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of agriculture. We are pleased to share with you the highlights of our service to the residents of El Dorado County during 2010.

Sincerely,

Joyce Joy  
President