

# Selection Criteria

**A panel of judges will review the applications and evaluate them on the following criteria:**

## **20% ~ Creativity and Utilization of Agricultural Information**

The lesson/unit/project must be creative and interesting for students and help them become more knowledgeable about the food and fiber system. Reference should be made to the creative methods utilized in advancing student learning. A lesson/unit/project description (two page limit, single sided) must be included, citing original source, if adapted. Optional related materials may be included, such as photos, student work sample or citing of additional resources. (20 points)

## **20% ~ Interdisciplinary Approaches**

The degree to which agricultural concepts have been included in a variety of subjects and disciplines. Value will be placed on the approach which teaches agriculture across the curriculum. Evidence shown that the project implements the Ag in the Classroom lesson plans and/or related ag literacy materials. (20 points)

## **20% ~ Advancement of Educational Standards**

The degree to which the nominee aligns agricultural learning activities with state, national, or other established education standards. The North Carolina Curriculum Standards must be addressed by the lesson/unit/project in one or more disciplines. Interdisciplinary programs are encouraged. (20 points)

## **20% ~ Student Impact**

Evidence of teacher's impact on student attitudes and overall learning. The lesson/unit/project should be adaptable for use by other teachers. (20 points)

## **10% ~ Strength of Nomination Letter**

A letter of nomination should convey a strong sense of the teacher's efforts to introduce agricultural information into the classroom. This should refer to actual situations and learning activities. Two or more letters of support should be included from an administrator, parent, and/or community member involved in the project. (10 points)

## **10% ~ Endorsement by and Administrator or Co-worker**

The degree to which a letter by a school administrator or co-worker substantiates the nominee's excellence in, and dedication to, the teaching role. Project motivation should show teacher appreciation for agriculture and its role in society. (10 points)

## **How will the selected teacher be recognized?**

The two winning teachers will be notified by May 2, 2005 and will be

- (1) recognized at the NC Farm Bureau Annual Meeting to be held December 4-6, 2005 at Greensboro, NC. Expenses paid.
- (2) invited to attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 8-11, 2005, with up to \$1250 of expenses covered by the NC AITC program.
- (3) invited to share their ideas at a statewide workshop during the NC Ag in the Classroom Summer workshops.