

Train-the-Teachers in Plant Science Program

Colorado Agriculture Field Trip
July 27-31, 2026

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Monday July 27*: Fort Collins

Have lunch with OEE leaders and select CSU faculty, tour the Agricultural Research, Development and Education Center, CSU trial gardens, and Heritage arboretum. Lodging in Fort Collins.

*Optional for Western-slope-based teachers

Tuesday, July 28: Palisade & Grand Junction

Travel to Palisade. Tour Talbott Farms* and Western Colorado Research Center - Orchard Mesa. Lodging in Grand Junction.

*Western-slope-based teachers meet us here

Wednesday, July 29: Hotchkiss & Cortez

Travel to Hotchkiss. Tour the Rogers Mesa Organic Horticulture Research Center. Tour Mesa Verde Lavender Farm and Southwest Seed Inc. in Cortez. Drive to Durango. Lodging in Durango.

Thursday, July 30: Alamosa

Travel from Durango to Alamosa. Tour up to 2 potato farms and a small grain farm. Lodging in Alamosa.

Friday, July 30: Return to Fort Collins

Travel from Alamosa to Fort Collins. Our time together concludes in Fort Collins.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Free participation (USDA-funded)
- Participate in CSU's Green School curriculum (\$545 value)
- CEUs (college credit pending)
- Optional week-long CO Ag field trip (all lodging, tours, and meals included)
- Connection to CSU faculty, Extension, and industry
- Long-term impact for you and your students

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Colorado high school agriculture teachers
- Educators serving rural and high-minority communities
- Teachers interested in plant science, horticulture, and dual-enrollment pathways



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