

## **CHAPTER 4-37**

### **AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM**

**4-37-01. Agriculture in the classroom program.** Recognizing the need to promote and foster an understanding of the agricultural economy of the state of North Dakota and the values of rural lifestyles, an agriculture in the classroom program is hereby established to be administered by an agriculture in the classroom council in conjunction with the agriculture commissioner.

**4-37-02. Agriculture in the classroom council.** An agriculture in the classroom council is established. The council consists of sixteen members to be appointed by the agriculture commissioner. One member must be the agriculture commissioner or the commissioner's designee, and one member must be the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee. Agriculture in the classroom grant recipients are nonvoting members of the council.

**4-37-03. Purpose - Powers and duties.** The agriculture in the classroom council may provide grants and contract with any person for the provision of an agriculture in the classroom program, the development of agricultural curriculum activities applicable to students from kindergarten through grade twelve, and the training of teachers in agricultural curriculum activities. The council shall work with teachers, the superintendent of public instruction, the department of career and technical education, the United States department of agriculture, and the state agriculture commissioner in accomplishing this purpose. The council may:

1. Consult with the state superintendent of public instruction, the department of career and technical education, the state agriculture commissioner, and the United States department of agriculture.
2. Prepare instructional, informational, and reference publications on the North Dakota agricultural economy and rural lifestyles.
3. Provide training programs for public school teachers in agricultural curriculum activities.
4. Encourage research on and identification of new instructional, informational, and reference publications relating to this state's agricultural economy and rural lifestyles.
5. Monitor the quality and condition of the agriculture in the classroom program.

**4-37-04. Gifts and grants.** The agriculture in the classroom council may accept and expend private contributions, gifts, and grants-in-aid from the federal government, private industry, and other sources. The council shall expend any moneys received under this section for the designated purpose if a purpose is included as a condition of the gift, grant, or donation. The council may use all other moneys received under this section to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**4-37-05. Expenses of council members.** Members of the agriculture in the classroom council may not receive any compensation for their services on the council, but are entitled to be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in performing their duties in the amounts provided by law for state employees.