The Desert Research and Extension Center (DREC) has been an integral part of California’s agricultural community since 1912. DREC conducts innovative and relevant agricultural, natural resources, and environmental research and education programs. One of the pillars of DREC’s mission is to educate the public through a growing Farm Smart program that was established in 2001. This program promotes a better understanding of agriculture, the source of our food, fiber and energy, and its impact on our economy and daily lives, as well as protecting natural resources and cultivating healthy people and communities. Over 163,000 participants have been reached since its start in 2001.

“Everyone we interacted with was so kind and enthusiastic about the [Farm to Preschool] event. My three year old had a blast learning about farming, getting to interact and play with so many different learning booths and creative projects. It was a great event!”

—Parent at Farm to Preschool Festival

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