



Unit 2:

Plant Disease and Pest Management

Lesson 1: Nutritional and Environmental Disorders

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STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

After completing these activities students will...

1. Identify major nutrient deficiencies and environmental disorders of floriculture crops.
2. Evaluate the causes and effects of these disorders in floriculture plants.
3. Discuss cure and prevention strategies for these disorders in floriculture plants.

TIME REQUIRED:

Varies based on teaching method:

- Direct instruction learning — 55 minutes
- Cooperative learning — 60-90 minutes
- Individualized learning — 120+ minutes

RESOURCES:

1. Ohio State University
http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/joneslab/images/ethylene_extension.pdf
2. ProMix
<http://www.pthorticulture.com/en/training-center/role-of-iron-in-plant-culture/>
3. University of Arizona
<http://extension.arizona.edu/sites/extension.arizona.edu/files/pubs/az1106.pdf>
4. University of Hawaii
http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/mauisoil/c_nutrients01.aspx
5. Valley Crest
<http://valleycresttakeson.com/watermanagement/resources/four-signs-you-are-overwatering-your-plants/>

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Direct Instruction Learning:

1. "Nutritional and Environmental Disorders" PowerPoint
2. A copy of the "Information Chart" worksheet for each student

Cooperative Learning:

1. Internet access to research topics (per group)
2. Materials to create posters/brochures
3. A copy of the "Profile Worksheet" for each student
4. A copy of the "Product Rubric (Group)" worksheet for each group
5. A copy of the "Information Chart" worksheet for each student

Individualized Learning:

1. Internet access to research topics (per student)
2. Materials to create PowerPoint/podcast/posters
3. A copy of the "Profile Worksheet" for each student
4. A copy of the "Product Rubric (Individual)" worksheet for each student
5. A copy of the "Information Chart" worksheet for each student

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE RECOMMENDED FOR THIS LESSON:

- Plant anatomy and physiology

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ALIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS:

FFA Precept

- FFA.PG-J.Mental Growth: Embrace cognitive and intellectual development relative to reasoning, thinking and coping.
- FFA-CS-M.Communication: Effectively interact with others in personal and professional settings.
- FFA-CS-N.Decision Making: Analyze a situation and execute an appropriate course of action.

NASDCTEC

- AGPB01.01 Produce and manage plants in both domesticated and natural environments using application of

principles of anatomy and physiology to enhance plant production.

- AGPB01.03 Examine and apply fundamentals of production and harvesting when producing plants to demonstrate plant management and production techniques.

Common Core- Reading: Informational Text

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.9-10.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Common Core- Speaking and Listening

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.9-10.4 Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically such that listeners can follow the line of reasoning and the organization, development, substance, and style are appropriate to purpose, audience, and task.

Common Core- Literacy in Science & Technical Subjects: Writing

- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.9-10.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/ experiments, or technical processes.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.9-10.2.a Introduce a topic and organize ideas, concepts, and information to make important connections and distinctions; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., figures, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.9-10.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.9-10.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.9-10.8 Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the usefulness of each source in answering the research question; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.
- CCSS.ELA-Literacy.WHST.9-10.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research

Common Core- Math Practices

- CCSS.MP3: Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

AFNR Career Ready Practices

- CRP.02. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. Career-ready individuals readily access and use the knowledge and skills acquired through experience and education to be more productive.
- CRP.04. Communicate clearly, effectively, and with reason. Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas and action plans with clarity, whether using written, verbal and/or visual methods.
- CRP.05. Consider the environmental, social and economic impact of decisions. Career-ready individuals understand the interrelated nature of their actions and regularly make decisions that positively impact and/or mitigate negative impact on other people, organizations and the environment.
- CRP.06. Demonstrate creativity and innovation. Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization.
- CRP.07. Employ valid and reliable research strategies. Career-ready individuals are discerning in accepting and using new information to make decisions, change practices or inform strategies.
- CRP.08. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. Career-ready individuals readily recognize problems in the workplace, understand the nature of the problem, and devise effective plans to solve the problem.
- CRP.11 Use technology to enhance productivity. Career-ready individuals find and maximize the productive value of existing and new technology to accomplish workplace tasks and solve workplace problems.

Partnership for 21st Century Skills

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Environmental Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Initiative and Self-direction
- Productivity and Accountability
- Think Creatively

LESSON PLAN:

1. *Introduction* (suggested time 10-15 minutes) **If using the direct instruction method, refer to slides 1 and 2 of the “Nutritional and Environmental Disorders” PowerPoint to present lesson objectives and do the introduction activity.**

For the introduction activity, split students into groups of three and ensure that they have access to technology to

look up anything they may not have heard about. First, have students find out the commonalities between the two groups of words. If you are not using the PowerPoint simply write scurvy, anemia and rickets for the first group and dehydration, frostbite and hypothermia for the second group. Assign one word to each group of students to research, give them five minutes to do the research and report back on what they find.

What do scurvy, anemia and rickets all have in common?

Group one represents human disorders caused by nutrient deficiencies. When our body is lacking a specific nutrient, these disorders are the results of the damage. While anemia is a common medical disorder, scurvy and rickets are not common. They may need to be explained to the students or allow students to look them up on a device.

What do the words dehydration, frostbite, and hypothermia all have in common?

Group two represents human disorders caused by the environment. Abiotic factors like temperature are outside of our control. If our environment is not safe, it can cause damaging effects to our body. While many of us have experienced some level of dehydration personally, hypothermia and frostbite are not as commonly experienced; they may need to be explained to the students or allow students to look them up on a device.

Just as our health can suffer from nutritional and environmental disorders, the same can be said for plants. In this lesson we will identify several common disorders in plants and discuss what causes them, how it affects the plant, associated symptoms, and how to prevent and treat the disorders.

2. **Instruction** (suggested time depends on teaching method) **Select a teaching method based on your number of students, time frame and available resources. For an overview of the teaching methods in this lesson, review the "Teaching Methods" worksheet. All methods will cover the same information.**

DIRECT INSTRUCTION

Refer to slides 3-24 of the "Nutritional and Environmental Disorder" PowerPoint to address the disorders identified in the floriculture CDE.

The teacher will identify the seven disorders categorized as nutritional/environmental disorders by the floriculture CDE. Each disorder is presented with an overview, symptoms, prevention, treatment, an image and resources. Students should record the information using the "Information Chart" worksheet throughout the lesson. As the teacher discusses each disorder, see if students can compare any of the disorders to the human ones addressed in the introduction or a medical disorder they know about. The "Information Chart" can be turned in as a daily grade and/or formative assessment, but it should be returned to students because it will be used throughout unit two.

COOPERATIVE LEARNING

The teacher will divide the class into seven groups and assign each group a disorder. Once assigned, each group will need at least one internet capable device and a "Profile Worksheet" to help them navigate and organize their research. Once students believe they have found enough information on their topic, the teacher should review their "Profile Worksheet" for accuracy and credibility. If finding information and credible sources is an issue, refer to the resources listed on this lesson plan.

After the research has been approved, the groups will begin to design their product. Depending on materials available, students can create a poster, infographic, brochure, etc., to display what they have learned. Once the product is finished, station the products around the room and give each student an "Information Chart." Allow students to rotate around the stations and view their peers' products while using them to fill in their chart.

Using the "Product Rubric," the teacher can grade each group themselves or make multiple copies and have the students grade each product during the rotation. Rubrics can be collected and used as a project grade. The "Information Chart" can be turned in as a daily grade and/or formative assessment, but it should be returned to students because it will be used throughout unit two.

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING

Each student will be assigned one of the seven disorders. Once assigned, each student will need an internet capable device and a "Profile Worksheet" to help them navigate and organize their research. Once they believe they have found enough information on their topic, the teacher should review their "Profile Worksheet" for accuracy and credibility. If finding information and credible sources is an issue, refer to the resources listed on this lesson plan or in the "Nutritional and Environmental Disorders" PowerPoint.

After the research has been approved, the students will begin to design their product. Depending on materials available, students can create an informative essay, PowerPoint, podcast, etc., to display what they have learned. Once the product is finished, have each student present his or her product to the class. During the presentation, give students an "Information Chart" worksheet, and have them fill in their chart using the information being presented. The "Information Chart" can be turned in as a daily grade and/or formative assessment, but it should be returned to students because it will be used throughout unit two.

3. *Reflection* (suggested time 10-15 minutes) **If using the direct instruction method, refer to slide 25 of the "Nutritional and Environmental Disorders" PowerPoint to present the reflection activity.**

In this lesson, we have identified several different disorders. Knowing how a disorder affects a plant helps us understand how to best prevent and treat it in the future. Just like humans, plants work best when they are healthy! Take a moment to reflect on the disorders we identified and answer the following questions on a piece of paper. Turn your answers in before you leave:

- *What is something about plant disorders and deficiencies you found surprising?*
- *Do you think it would be difficult for you to identify a disorder or deficiency just by looking at a plant? Why or why not?*

Have students complete the questions as an exit ticket on a notecard or sheet of paper. Students can turn this in for a daily grade and/or formative review. Be sure to review those responses before moving on to the next lesson.

4. *Leveling Up:* For students who finish early or want to practice the identification activity in the floriculture CDE.
- a. If you have access to live specimens, bring in examples for students to see and quiz their ability to identify disorders. You can quiz them using the "Practicum Disorder Score Card" found in the [Floriculture CDE Handbook](#).
 - b. If you have internet access, have students use the identification cards on the [National FFA Quizlet](#) page to practice identifying disorders.
 - c. If you do not have internet access, create a set of flash cards using the slides of this PowerPoint, so students can practice identifying disorders.