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### Summer graduate courses, scholarships offered for educators

**MANHATTAN, Kan.** – One in five Kansas students will grow up to have a career in an agricultural-related field. Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) understands the importance of Kansas educators learning how they can incorporate agriculture into their classrooms – no matter which subject is being taught – and still meet state curriculum standards. By using agriculture as an educational tool to teach common subject areas, educators can better prepare their students for a wider variety of career choices.

KFAC will offer two graduate-level courses this year – three credit hours each – at Colby, Manhattan and Olathe. Full scholarships are available through major sponsors such as ICM Incorporated, Kansas Farm Bureau and several other agriculture-related companies in Kansas.

The **Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture** course is a week-long hands-on experience that assists teachers in integrating agriculture into all classroom subjects while, at the same time, aligning lessons with state curricular standards. Educators will participate in creating techniques that allow their students to investigate the scientific process, practice daily observations, take data measurements and analyze results using agricultural examples. This course is offered in Manhattan from June 16 to 20 and in Colby from July 7 to 11.

The **Horticulture and School Gardens** course introduces teachers to the possibility of mastering a school garden. From soil science to experiential and sensory learning, this course offers information for teachable moments involved with growing a garden. Experts in the horticulture field will enable educators to create excitement about growing plants with students. This course is offered in Olathe from July 14 to 18.

All of KFAC's courses are offered through Kansas State University Continuing Education, the College of Education and the College of Agriculture. Students earn Kansas State University graduate credit and each course is approved for continuing education hours required of teachers for license renewal and salary advancement.

To learn more details about KFAC's summer graduate courses and scholarship availability, visit the KFAC website at [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org) or contact Cathy Musick at (785) 532-7946 or by e-mail at [ksfac@ksu.edu](mailto:ksfac@ksu.edu).