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**Summer courses, scholarships offered for teacher courses**

Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) will again offer graduate-level summer courses through Kansas State University this summer. KFAC's summer graduate courses are designed to re-energize Kansas educators and introduce them to new delivery methods while incorporating agriculture information into the curriculum. From investigating a flower's reproduction system to exploring the science behind a dairy farm, KFAC courses open up the door to the many exciting opportunities agriculture can provide to an educator. Scholarships provided by agriculture donors are available, which make these exceptional resources an affordable option for all Kansas educators.

Three courses are offered through KFAC's graduate program. **Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture** (3 credit hours), **Horticulture and School Gardens** (3 credit hours), and **Exploring Internet Resources** (1 credit hour).

**Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture** 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 will 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, Kan., June 25 to 29 and in Colby, Kan., July 9 to 13.

**Horticulture and School Gardens** 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 an excitement about growing plants with students. This course is offered in Olathe, Kan., July 16 to 20.


**Exploring Internet Resources** enables teachers to increase their Internet searching abilities and to evaluate educational online content. The class covers many interesting websites that are useful in a classroom setting. This course is available in Manhattan, Kan., July 2 to 3.

All KFAC's courses are offered through Kansas State University Continuing Education, the College of Education and the College of Agriculture and earn Kansas State University graduate credit. 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, visit the KFAC website at [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org) or contact Stephanie Jacques at (785) 532-7946 or by e-mail at [ksfac@ksu.edu](mailto:ksfac@ksu.edu) for information about courses and scholarship availability.


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Pictures Attached:




Educators at the 2006 summer Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture  
Summer Graduate Course dissect flowers to learn about the reproduction system.

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Students at the Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture Course listen on as  
Richard Cott, Clay Center explains soil structure.  
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Class members at the Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture gather around Lee Holtmeier and Dr. Tom Dregestein to inspect silage at a dairy in Linn Kansas.

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