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KFAC, KFB to host 4th annual Be Ag-Wise educator training workshops this winter

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) and Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) will host the fourth annual Be Ag-Wise educator training workshops in early 2011.

The workshops, which are designed especially for agricultural education presenters at the county level, will give participants the opportunity to receive training for a variety of agriculture-based, hands-on learning labs; receive resource materials; share ideas; network with others; and practice their presentation skills.

The workshops are designed to assist volunteer agricultural educators in the counties such as Cooperative Extension educators, county Farm Bureau agricultural education volunteers, Conservation District managers, agricultural educators, youth presenters and teachers.

The dates and locations for the one-day workshops are: Jan. 15 in Manhattan at the Kansas Farm Bureau office; Jan. 22 in Emporia at the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland building; Feb. 19 in Colby at the Colby Community Center; and March 5 in Garden City at the Southwest Area Research and Extension Complex. The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The theme for the workshops is “Farmers and Ranchers CARE – Care and Respect Everyday,” which focuses on best management practices with animals and land.

There must be a minimum of 10 participants at each location in order to conduct a workshop. In the event that one of the workshops will not be held, participants who have registered to attend it may attend any of the other workshops.

More information and registration forms can be found on the KFAC website homepage at *www.ksagclassroom.org*. Registration fees are \$50 per person and include lunch, refreshments and resource materials. Registration forms and fees are due by Jan. 3 to the KFB Accounting and Human Resources department in Manhattan.