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## **Teacher summer institute registration closes May 26**

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The deadline to register for the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) Summer Institute "Connecting Your Classroom to Kansas Agriculture" is May 26.

The three-day workshop offers Kansas teachers an opportunity to gain professional development hours with the option for up to three graduate level credits. Participants of the institute will learn about relevant agricultural topics including plant science, biotechnology and careers in agriculture.

The institute will be held in Manhattan, Kan., June 9-11, 2015. The institute is open to all Kansas teachers and provides them with hands-on lesson plans, opportunities to visit Kansas agricultural operations and learn first-hand from K-State professors and other teachers how to effectively incorporate agriculture into their current curriculum.

"I learned how to incorporate agriculture in the science, math, reading and social studies curriculum by preparing exciting, hands-on learning activities like the swine digestion system and parts of a plant," said Audra McCurdy, an Agriculture Enrichment Instructor at Williamsburg Elementary and 2014 Summer Institute attendee.

Teachers will be able to adapt lesson plans and activities taught at the institute to fit their classroom needs, all while meeting the Kansas College and Career Ready standards.

"Teachers explore the diversity of agriculture through hands-on, standards-based activities and lesson plans that focus on core subjects including math and science," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "The institute allows teachers to experience agriculture first-hand and spark creativity in planning new and exciting lesson plans and activities for their students."

Registration is \$65 and is capped at 30 participants. The payment for optional graduate credit hours through K-State is the responsibility of the participant. Professional development hours will be awarded by certificate from K-State Global Campus based on 24 hours of face-to-face time during the institute.

For more information and to register for the institute, visit [www.ksagclassroom.org](http://www.ksagclassroom.org) and click on teachers, summer institutes. The application deadline is May 26.

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