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KFAC, KFB to host 3rd annual Be Ag-Wise educator training workshops in Jan., Feb.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) and Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) will host the third annual Be Ag-Wise educator training workshops during January and February 2010.

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. 16 in Manhattan at the Kansas Farm Bureau office; Jan. 23 in Emporia at the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland building; Feb. 20 in Colby at the Colby Community Center; and Feb. 27 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 2010 workshops is “The Farmer Grows a Rainbow,” which focuses on the link between agriculture and the MyPyramid nutritional resource.

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 instead.

Registration fees are \$50 per person and include lunch, refreshments and resource materials. For an additional \$50, the official The Farmer Grows a Rainbow classroom kit may be purchased, which includes color copies of activities, classroom supplies and a large magnetic MyPyramid.

Registration forms and fees are due by Jan. 4 to the KFB Accounting and Human Resources department in Manhattan. More information and registration forms can be found on the KFAC website homepage at www.ksagclassroom.org and also on the KFB website at www.kfb.org by selecting the “Division & Programs” link and clicking on “Agriculture Education.”

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