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Successful Be Ag-Wise workshops held across state

MANHATTAN, Kan.- MARCH 19, 2015 - The eighth annual Be Ag-Wise workshops were held in Manhattan and broadcast to Great Bend, Ottawa and Pittsburg on Feb. 21 and in Hays on March 14. The workshops collectively had 75 participants from surrounding areas.

The hands-on workshop, hosted by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC) and Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB), provided teachers, extension educators and farmers an opportunity to learn about important water conservation activities suitable for children in grades kindergarten through 12.

The Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) facilitated much of the workshop, which resulted in attendees receiving their Project Wet certification and professional development hours.

"We were really excited to partner with KACEE this year to offer Project Wet certification for our participants," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "It's a perfect time in our state to offer these resources and ideas about water conservation."

Attendees received copies of the Project Wet curriculum guide, the KFAC Natural Resources Educator's Guide, as well as a bag with additional resources sponsored by the Ford Motor Company and KFB.

Be Ag-Wise workshops have been providing activities and lesson plan ideas to educators for eight years. Each year a new theme is chosen relevant to Kansas agriculture. Nearly 800 people have attended the workshop since its inception.

Dates for the 2016 workshops will be released this fall. For more information contact KFAC at ksfac@ksu.edu.