

What teachers are saying...



"...I'm so much more aware of my surroundings and just that much more aware of the agricultural community around me... This experience has made me more aware as a teacher."

"As a teacher, I've always known the role I play in the students' future--now I realize that teachers AND agriculture are responsible for the future of our world."

"I feel as though I've been a tourist in my own county. The pride and work ethic that we witnessed this week makes me proud to live in this region. Thanks for this wonderful opportunity!"

"We learned how to make curriculum more relative to our students' lives."

"This is one of the best classes I've ever taken. Great information, and it all actually applies to our students!"

"I now have a greater appreciation for farmers and my food."



DeKalb County Farm Bureau Agricultural Literacy

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E-mail rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org with questions about agricultural literacy or the Summer Ag Institute.

If you would like information on other Summer Ag Institutes being offered around the state, please visit the Illinois Ag in the Classroom website at www.agintheclassroom.org. Click on "Summer Ag Institute".

2011 Summer Agriculture Institute

*Teaching About
Soil, Water & Agriculture*

A course designed to help teachers make learning relevant by infusing farm & food concepts into the curriculum.



May 11, 18 and 25, 5 - 8 p.m. &
June 13 - 16, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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*Teaching About Soil, Water
& Agriculture - TLCI 592*

A thriving agricultural industry is critical to the security and stability of a nation. Can farmers continue to feed, clothe, and provide energy for millions while maintaining the health of our soil and water? This course will examine the challenges and opportunities presented by today's agricultural practices. Participants will receive first-hand experience, knowledge, and teaching tools to incorporate agricultural awareness across the K-8 curriculum.



PARTICIPANTS WILL...

- ...visit farms and interact with the farmers that raise our food.
- ...gain an in-depth understanding of the agriculture industry.
- ...be introduced to engaging new teaching resources.
- ...participate in hands-on, minds-on workshops.

ASSIGNMENTS

Teachers will develop and submit plans for infusion of agricultural concepts into their curriculum. Participants will also keep a journal throughout the experience.

CREDIT

Participants may earn three graduate credits through Northern Illinois University.

COST

Based on the current rate for graduate tuition and fees, the total charge for this course is approximately \$1,250. However, new rates may be determined for summer 2011. Institute participants should anticipate a modest increase. NIU tuition waivers may be used; however, students are responsible for all fees which will total approximately \$350.



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TO APPLY & ENROLL

Step 1:

Visit www.dekalbfarmbureau.org and click on "2011 Summer Ag Institute." Open the Application Form and follow the directions to submit to the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. Space is limited—submit your application as soon as possible!

Step 2:

TLCI 592 – Teaching about Soil, Water and Agriculture is a permit-only course. Upon receipt of your application form, you will receive information about applying as a student-at-large (SAL) if needed. You will also be issued a permit number and information on how to enroll online via MyNIU.