

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 am very appreciative of the passion, dedication, and hard work of those in agricultural careers. The knowledge that I received in this course will be passed on to my fourth graders, with joy."

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



 **DeKalb County Farm Bureau**
Agricultural
Literacy

2010 Summer Agriculture Institute

Teaching About Agriculture & Sustainability

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



May 12, 19 and 26, 5 - 8 p.m. &
June 14 - 17, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
DeKalb County Farm Bureau
Center for Agriculture

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1350 W. Prairie Dr., Sycamore, IL 60178

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Teaching About Agriculture & Sustainability - TLCI 590A

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, water, air, and climate? 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 \$1,125. However, new rates may be determined for summer 2010. Institute participants should anticipate a modest increase. NIU tuition waivers may be used; however, students are responsible for all fees which will total approximately \$300.

TO APPLY & ENROLL

Step 1:

Visit www.dekalbfarmbureau.org and click on "2010 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:

You will be sent information on how to enroll online via MyNIU.

If you have questions or would like information on other Summer Ag Institutes being offered around the state, please call Rhodora at 815/756-6361 or email rcollins@dekalbfarmbureau.org

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