

## KANSAS CORN STEM TEACHER Newsletter



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### Happy Holidays

Kansas Corn wants to wish you a great holiday season. We appreciate all you do for students and for teaching about agriculture in your classroom. We hope you have an enjoyable break.

We do want to remind you that we will not be mailing out supplies December 15<sup>th</sup> - January 5<sup>th</sup> while schools are on break. Teachers can still request supplies, but we will hold the mailings until schools reopen after the holidays.

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### Kansas Day

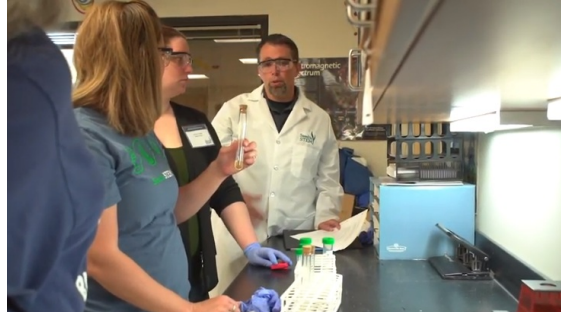
What better way to celebrate Kansas Day, January 29<sup>th</sup>, than with a lesson from our lesson library! Kansas Corn has fun lessons and activities to teach students about Kansas agriculture. Here are some ideas of what you can request and use:

- K-5 teachers can request **education kits** to teach inquiry-based corn lessons
  - Plan to use the **Mystery of Corn** readers that week
  - Have students complete an online **breakout box** as a class or individually
  - Do a fun hands-on activity using one of our **FLEX lessons** that uses easy to find materials
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### Seed to STEM Workshop

Kansas Corn STEM will announce Seed to STEM summer workshop dates in January. The workshop locations will be Salina and Topeka this summer, most likely the second week of June. These free workshops are for middle and high school Kansas science teachers. Teachers who are selected will practice over 10 labs that they can use in the classroom to help students learn the role science plays in agriculture. The workshop includes a farm and field visit, an ag industry dinner and a field trip to an ethanol plant. In addition, every teacher will receive \$500 worth of free lab supplies, plus all onsite expenses paid. Graduate credit will also be available at a cost to the participant. Watch for the workshop announcement in the near future!

[Watch the Video](#)



## Over 1,000 Teachers Supported

So far this school year over 1,000 teachers have received free supplies, resources, or training from Kansas Corn STEM. We are on track to exceed the total number of teachers we supported last year. Spread the word with your colleagues and teacher friends about how Kansas Corn farmers are helping Kansas teachers when they use this program.

Things to know about our resources:

- They are easy to use with step-by-step instructions
- All of the supplies are free and are included in our kits
- Anyone can teach our lessons, regardless of their comfort level with science or agriculture
- They are fun and students love the lessons

## Schedule your Spring Guest Speaker

Kansas Corn STEM Lead Teacher Shelly Robinson and Education Outreach Coordinator Bill Johnston are scheduling times to visit classrooms this spring. Between the two of them they cover the whole state visiting schools. This fall they visited over 50 schools and they hope to visit that many in the spring. If you haven't had Shelly or Bill visit before you are missing out! Their visits are interactive, fun and great to pair with other Kansas Corn resources. Their schedules are filling up fast so get them on your calendar soon!

[Request a Speaker](#)

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