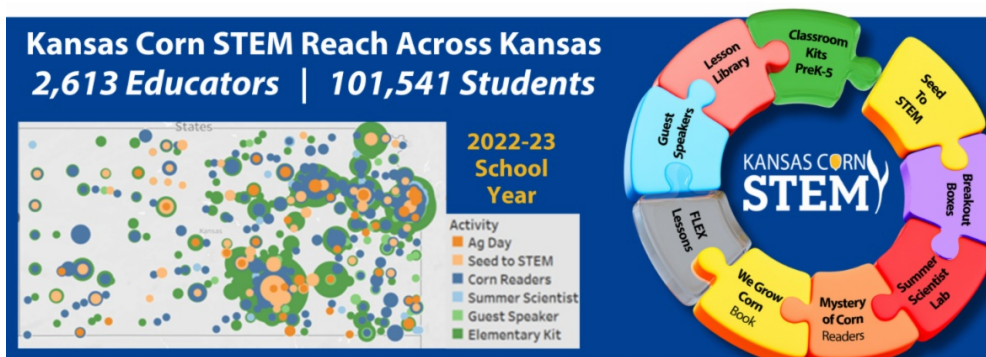




## Welcome to the Kansas Corn STEM August 2023 Newsletter!

### Breaking Records! Thank you for Using Kansas Corn STEM Materials!

Kansas Corn STEM provided free resources and/or training to 2,613 Kansas educators reaching over 101,541 students during the 2022-2023 school year. This would not have been possible without the support of Kansas corn farmers who fund the program and teachers like you who use our materials. Our goal is to continue to provide high quality resources that are turn-key and ready for your classroom. Thanks for all you do! We look forward to serving you this coming school year.



### Check Out Our Most-Requested Materials!

Kansas Corn STEM provides many great resources for Kansas educators. We have resources available for every classroom. Due to high demand you need to make your requests at least three weeks in advance to ensure you receive your supplies in time. *Here are popular resources to consider requesting now:*

- ✓ Secure a Date for a Guest [Speaker](#)
- ✓ Request a Breakout Box PD [Workshop](#)
- ✓ Request your PreK-5 Elementary [Kit](#)
- ✓ Subscribe to Mystery of Corn [Readers](#)
- ✓ Request Ethanol Plant Tour [Funding](#) (6-12 grade)
- ✓ Request Ag Day and Promotional [Materials](#) (Germination Necklaces)

### New! Thank a Farmer

Kansas corn farmers fund the Kansas Corn STEM program. New this year we added a form on our website that allows you and your students to write letters and/or send photos of your corn projects that will be shared with our farmers. This would make for a great writing assignment to follow a Kansas Corn STEM lesson and a fun way to give back to those who value this program. [Thank a farmer here!](#)



## Mystery of Corn Readers- September 1st Deadline

Over 500 teachers subscribed to receive the Mystery of Corn readers last school year. This year for those who subscribe, all four readers and supplemental resources will be mailed out at one time. To receive your readers this fall you need to subscribe by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Readers will be mailed again early spring of 2024. These readers are FREE to all Kansas educators.



- ✓ Four Mysteries: Could it be Corn?; History of Corn; Secret of Soil; Miracle of Water
- ✓ Four Grade Levels: K-1, 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12

- ✓ Includes: Readers for each student, teacher guides and supplemental worksheets
- ✓ Teachers must subscribe each year
- ✓ All readers will be mailed at one time

**Subscribe to the Mystery of Corn Readers**

**Seed to STEM Graduates—It’s time to request your materials!**

Seed to STEM graduates who completed the workshop summer 2022 or before are eligible to apply for a mini grant. Applications are now being accepted and the final deadline is October 15. These will only be awarded once a year.

Graduates from the 2023 workshop: don’t forget to request your distillation kits to make ethanol in your classroom!

Everyone can request funding for an ethanol plant tour.

**Request Seed to STEM Materials Here**

**Mini Grant**

**Distillation Kit**

**Ethanol Plant Tour**



**PreK - 5th Grade Resources**

Kansas teachers can request free kits to use in their classrooms. No prior knowledge about agriculture or corn is needed to teach these lessons. All kits come with a lesson guide with inquiry-based questions and meet state standards. Please make your request 2-3 weeks prior to needing your supplies. Refill kits are available to educators who have requested kits before.

- >VIEW THE LESSONS
- >REQUEST A KIT!

**Preschools and Daycare Providers- PreK Kit Available**

The new PreK kit flew off the shelves last spring with its debut in January. If you are a preschool teacher or daycare provider, this kit is for you. The PreK kit includes eight lessons centered around the new “We Grow Corn, Seasons on a Kansas Family Farm” book, where children will learn about the four seasons and growing corn while using their cognitive and fine motor skills. In addition to the book, the kit will include craft supplies and playdough mats that will bring a farm to the children’s learning environment. Children will use the mats to make equipment tires, compare the height of different corn plants, plant their own corn seeds and show what a farmer does during each season of the year.



**Order a PreK Kit**

**Public Library Series**

Teachers, we encourage you to reach out to your local public library to let them know about this opportunity.

The “We Grow Corn” Library Series is aimed to provide Kansas public libraries with new resources to enhance their programming. The series includes six units, each focusing on growing corn and its many uses. While the book is available for K-12 teachers, this series was created specifically for public libraries, so it varies from what students see in the classroom.

**Request the Library Series**

**Ag Day/Events Resources**

Ag days or farm visits are common during the school year. If you, or someone you know, needs a 15-minute activity for young kids, Kansas Corn STEM can help provide supplies. We do not have the staff to attend these events, however we provide the activity, supplies and instructions to help a volunteer who is willing to conduct the activity. Please allow 2-3 weeks for us to get the supplies to you. If you know you are going to have an event next spring, you can request supplies now and receive them next spring.

**Request Ag Day Materials**

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