



Welcome to the Kansas Corn STEM March 2024 Newsletter!

Free Summer Scientist Kit- Teach About the Scientific Method

Educators and volunteers leading a summer program will enjoy using our "Summer Scientist: Does Corn Need Light?" kit for their children. Your children will work like scientists, using the scientific method, to explore the role light plays in growing a healthy corn plant. The kit includes enough pots, soil, corn seed, measuring spoons and journals for your students. In addition, the kit includes five "We Grow Corn!" books, an activity guide, and an instruction guide to help your scientists through the investigation. On the days your children are observing their plant's growth, use the book to take them through the year-long process of growing corn. Using the activity guide, you can provide hands-on activities and online challenges to help your scientists expand their learning. Kansas Corn STEM will accept requests until April 12th.



Submit Your Requests Today!

Supplies for Ag Day Events

Ag day or farm visits are common in the spring. If you, or someone you know, needs a 15-minute activity for young kids, Kansas Corn STEM can help by providing supplies. With the use of corn germination necklaces, you can teach and show students what a seed looks like underground when it germinates. We provide all the supplies and instructions you need for this activity. Unfortunately, we do not have the staff to attend these events, but we include instructions that are easy for a volunteer to follow to conduct this activity. Please allow 2-3 weeks for us to get the supplies to you. If you know you are going to have an event this spring, please get your request submitted early.



Submit a Request Here!

Seed to STEM Workshop- Deadline April 1st

The 2024 Seed to STEM workshop will be held at Buhler High School on June 2-3. This free workshop is for 6th through 12th grade Kansas science teachers. Teachers who are selected will practice over 10 labs 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. Every teacher will receive \$500 worth of free lab supplies, and all onsite expenses will be paid. Graduate credit will be available at a cost to the participant. The 1.0 track is available for teachers who have not participated before and has an application deadline of April 1, 2024. Participants will be selected based on the quality of their application.



[Learn More about Seed to STEM Here!](#)

Spring is Almost Here - Get Your Box of Free Materials PreK - 5

As spring approaches, this is a great time to think about when you could use our elementary kits in the classroom. Our kits are in high demand so don't delay in making a request. Teachers can receive a box of supplies valued at around \$50 delivered free to your classroom. Each box contains a series of inquiry-based lessons and supplies needed to teach the lessons. No prior knowledge of corn or training is needed. The teacher guide will walk you through everything you need to do. If you have used these materials before don't forget to request your refill kit.

[Request Your Kit](#)

[Check Out the Lessons](#)

Important Deadlines!

Here are some upcoming deadlines to be aware of:

- Summer Scientist Kit Deadline- April 12th
- Seed to STEM Workshop Deadline- April 1st
- Request for Materials Final Request Date- May 3rd (mailing shuts down for the summer)

Corn Farm Activity Sheet

All educators can download and print the free "A Kansas Corn Farm" activity sheet to go along with any agriculture lesson. A teacher guide is available to help you guide your students through the activities.

[Download the Activity Sheet](#)



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