



Summer Ag Institute for Educators

Lee, Bureau, and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus are working together to host their Summer Ag Institute June 15-19 at Bureau Valley high School in Manlius. The cost of the class is \$100 and enrollment will be limited to 30 teachers. If a teacher is a Farm Bureau member or signs up to be a member, the class will cost only \$80.

The course is designed for educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics that relate to agriculture. Educators will receive free teaching materials, participate in Ag experiments, and take field trips to local farms and agribusinesses to learn what is happening in the Ag sector. Lee County teachers who graduate from Summer Ag Institute then qualify to apply for one of the two \$100 grants that are offered by the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, for use toward classroom resources related to agriculture. If you have any questions about this class or the Foundation Grant, please do not hesitate to give Lee County Farm Bureau a call at 815-857-3531.

The application form is included for interested teachers.
Applications are due by May 1, 2009, to:
Bureau County Farm Bureau
P.O. Box 190
Princeton, IL

After receiving the teacher's application, Bureau County Farm Bureau will notify applicants if they have been accepted to the class. No money will be taken for the class until after the teacher has been accepted. This will be the first year that the grant program is offered and Lee, Bureau and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus are excited to give something back to the educators in their counties!

Grad credits will be available through Aurora University at a cost of \$75 per credit hour. We anticipate again this year that the class will be worth 3 Grad Credit hours. CPDU's are also available if you are not interested in graduate credits. If you have any questions, please call 815-857-3531 and ask for Danelle DeSmith.