

Educator Agventure

Summer Agricultural Institute

June 17-18, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Carlinville

14 professional development hours or 1 graduate credit



Investigate Illinois' #1 industry - agriculture! While employing nearly 1 million people, agriculture generates more than \$25 billion annually to Illinois' economy. Come explore firsthand some of these many careers and aspects of the industry around us. Join us as we help you learn how agriculture can help you address the standards. Participants will leave with resources to share with students. During this institute, educators will

- try hands-on multidisciplinary activities all correlated to the Illinois Learning Standards
- build first-hand knowledge through traveling workshops showcasing the diversity of agriculture
- receive engaging, classroom-ready resources while earning professional development hours or graduate credit
- learn about grant money for projects

Traveling workshop and institute topics will include:

- **Specialty crops:** Learn about a diverse farming operation including specialty crops such as strawberries, asparagus, blackberries, blueberries, and peaches; homegrown products including canned and baked goods; and traditional crops of corn, soybeans, and wheat.
- **Wholesale flower supplier:** located in St. Louis on "Flower Row", you will see flowers and plants that are shipped in from around the world.
- **Plant science:** learn about state-of-the-art research and breeding to deliver improved seed performance and plant protection using less land, water and energy.
- **Hands-on activities:** Explore hands-on agricultural activities and receive resources to use in the classrooms.



Cost: institute fee \$30 (includes meals, hands-on activity supplies, & classroom resources)
optional 1 graduate credit from University of St. Francis for an additional \$100

Note: Participants may drive to area traveling workshop sites on their own or carpool with the coordinator and other educators. Sites will be within 72 miles of Carlinville.

Deadline: Please register by **May 28** as space is limited. The registration form is available at go.illinois.edu/Agventure2024

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