



Morning Announcement Guide

Kansas Agriculture Month: March 1 – 31

Kansas Agriculture Day: March 15

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas agriculture community encourages schools across Kansas to recognize and participate in Kansas Agriculture Month and Day by reading, or publishing, the following short announcements as they see fit during a week or throughout the month of March.

- March is Kansas Agriculture Month! Celebrate our state's driving force by thanking your local farmers! Kansas is ranked number one in the United States in the production of wheat and sorghum!
- Is the Kansas flag in your classroom? Take a closer look at the seal. There is a man plowing his field which represents our agricultural assets. We honor all of the hard work and dedication made by those who came before us who settled the land that is now Kansas.
- Kansas is the sunflower state! The Native Sunflower can grow up to 15 feet tall, that's probably 5 feet taller than your local pool's deepest waters! The flower heads can produce over 1,000 seeds per plant, and the flower heads can grow up to two feet in diameter! Huge!
- We are known across the world as the "Wheat State". Did you know that Kansas wheat is used for products that aren't food? Wheat is utilized to produce packing peanuts, eating utensils, gold tees, foam and insulation.
- Will you play with a ball at recess today? You can thank agriculture for the ball you play with! The first footballs were called "pig skins" because it was made from parts of the pig! Early basketballs were made from leather, which is the hide that comes from animals. Leather is still used to make basketballs. Footballs are made with leather, rubber or plastic, which comes from agricultural by-products as well. Recess wouldn't be nearly as fun without agriculture!

Kansas Agriculture Day, March 15: Happy Kansas Agriculture Day! Have you ever wondered how food gets to the grocery store? What are your clothes made of? Who created the ads on your favorite cereal box? The answer is: agriculture. Careers in agriculture are very broad and very rewarding! Think about what you want to be when you grow up... Consider a future in agriculture!