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Wisconsin Agricultural Educators take part in 97th Annual Professional Development Conference

Middleton, WI. [June 19, 2014] – The Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) held the 97th annual Professional Development Conference, June 15-19, 2014 in Middleton, WI. The theme of the conference was “Moving FORWARD: Developing Empowered Individuals.”

The conference brought more than 280 Wisconsin agricultural educators from both the secondary and post-secondary levels together to network with colleagues, individuals from business and industry and to gain tools to assist them in strengthening local agriculture programs.

The annual WAAE Professional Development Conference (PDC) is a time for us to stoke the fire, spark new ideas, and ignite the flame in the future generations of agriculturists. It is imperative that we continue to join forces with our agricultural partners to promote our vast industry. The ability to gather at this event allows agricultural educators the opportunity to share resources, network with industry and fan the embers that drive our desire to move FORWARD and develop empowered individuals! ", said Shari Graffunder, Association President.

Conference attendees participated in professional development workshops to improve teaching techniques and discuss new trends in agriculture. Workshops were available on agriculture and natural resources, using technology in the classroom, program management and business and industry tours. Award winners were also recognized for their innovations in education.

WAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators in Wisconsin. Members include 295 middle school, high school, technical college and university educators. The focus of the association is to provide professional development, legislative support and educational resources for teachers to enhance their local agriculture education programs.

For more information about your local agriculture education program and to find out how you can support agriculture in your community, please contact your local agriculture education instructor or call WAAE at 262-224-7553.

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