



2013 Farm and Food Conference

Saturday, November 2, 2013

Meridian Center | Newton, Kansas

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Workshops & Speakers

[FT] Farm Transitions

Family Matters: Handling Hard Conversations About Family Farm Transitions

Practical advice and resources for navigating difficult conversations -- for landowners and potential heirs.

Duane Hund, KSU Ag Mediation Services; **Barry Carroll**; **Karen McIlvain**, Attorney

How to Farm with Limited Access to Land, Credit or Capital

Hear from experienced farmers who have advice and ideas for acquiring the resources you need to begin or continue farming utilizing the means surrounding you.

Ed Reznicek, Kansas Organic Producers, Producer; **Jason Schmidt**, Producer; **Maria Stewart**, Producer

Pollinators on the Farm: A Mutually Beneficial Relationship

Featuring information about bees and their fellow pollinators, why they matter, and how we can help them thrive in Kansas.

Debbie McSweeney, Board Member, Partners for Sustainable Pollination; **Chip Taylor**, Founder and Director of Monarch Watch and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas

[FM] Farm Management

Unlocking the Secrets of Soil

Basic training in the how, what and why of soil function and biology, including how cover crops and other practices can improve the soil's ability to produce healthy, abundant crops.

Dean Krehbiel, USDA NRCS State Resource Conservationist; **Lisa French**, Cheney Lake Project Coordinator

New Issues with Crop Insurance for Diversified Sustainable and Organic Farmers

NCAT specialist Jeff Schahczenski will provide information on new crop insurance options for diversified sustainable, specialty crop, and organic farmers.

Jeff Schahczenski, National Center for Appropriate Technology



Integrating Cover Crops into Your Specialty Crop Operation

Incorporate cover crops and rotations into your vegetable and fruit operation or your hoophouse to build soil and raise healthy crops.

Cary Rivard, KSU Horticulture Specialist

Integrating Cover Crops into Crop and Livestock Operations

Gail Fuller will share knowledge gained from his Emporia-area diversified farming operation that includes corn, soybeans, wheat, field peas, forage peas, sunflowers and a variety of cover crops, and livestock.

Gail Fuller, No Till Cover Crop Farmer, Emporia, KS

[LM] Local Food Marketing

Emerging Opportunities for Direct Marketing Farms in Kansas

Hear from the Kansas Department of Agriculture about current, new, and upcoming opportunities to expand local markets for agricultural products in Kansas.

Cole Cottin, KRC; **Annarose Hart**, KDA "From the Land of Kansas" Specialist; **Natasha Frost**, Public Health Law Center; **Mary Marrow**, Public Health Law Center

Pricing Your Products for Local Markets

Review principles of cost accounting, competitive analysis and pricing of farm products for local markets, to ensure you are keeping profitability at the forefront of your farm marketing efforts.

Duane Hund, KSU Ag Mediation Services; **Cherie Schenker**, Producer; **Lisa Roberts**, Kansas Small Business Development Center, Wichita State University

[CF] Community Food Solutions

Farm 2 School: Challenges and Opportunities in Kansas

An overview of farm-to-school and school gardens in Kansas, including the challenges and opportunities in placing fresh foods in the fingers of our children.

Barb Depew, Kansas Department of Education; **John Fast**, Superintendent & Elementary Principal at Goessel, USD 411; **David Warner**, Chase Co. School Principal; **Dan Phelps**, Producer

Community Gardens: Growing Food Access, Growing Neighborhoods

How to obtain funding, select a model that works best for your community, and meet other organizational requirements to successfully grow a community garden.

Bob Neier, KSRE Sedgwick County Horticulture Agent



Democracy in Action: Driving a Civil Discourse Around Farming and Food

This session will address techniques and topics across our representative democracy and its institutions, and how the grassroots can grow a voice to help advance positive change.

Elizabeth Ablah, KU Med Wichita; **Paul Johnson**, KRC Policy Analyst; **Natasha Frost**, Public Health Law Center; **Mary Marrow**, Public Health Law Center

[PP] Food & Farming Policy

The Farm Bill As If People Matter: The Changing Policy Land-scape in Washington

Learn how it could help build a new agricultural paradigm for production, natural resources, and beginning farmers; provide a food safety net for our most vulnerable; and help farms provide healthy food for all.

Mary Fund, KRC; **Donn Teske**, KS Farmers Union; **Troy Schroeder**, Kansas Wildlife Federation; **Barbara LaClair**, Kansas Health Institute

Emerging Policy Issues in Kansas: Farming, Water, Energy, & More

An expert roundtable reviews issues of concern to Kansans, including budget, finance and tax issues, renewable energy including transmission line debates, and potential changes to our corporate farming law.

Paul Johnson, KRC Policy Analyst; **Dorothy Barnett**, Climate + Energy Project; **Donn Teske**, Kansas Farmers Union; **Lisa French**, Cheney Lake Project and former Kansas Water Authority member