

Appendix VI: Resource Directory

The following list highlights key contacts and resources for particular farm-to-fork work being conducted in Kansas. The list is not comprehensive, it is just meant to serve as a starting-point for those looking for more information on these topics.

Beekkeeping

Lead: **Kansas Honey Producers Association** – *The Kansas Honey Producers Association promotes good beekeeping practices, promotes honey, enables beekeepers from various areas to meet and share experiences and ideas, and publicizes the honey bee as an important contributor to the nation’s food supply.*

Contact Information: Master Beekeepers, *Becky & Steve Tipton*: bstbees@embarqmail.com; (785) 484-3710

Online Resources:

- **Kansas Honey Producers Association:** <http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org/>;
- **KRC Beginning Beekeeping Resource Guide:** <http://kansasruralcenter.org/introductory-beekeeping-workshop-beginning-beekeeping-resource-guide-for-northeastern-kansas/>

Business Planning Assistance

Lead 1: **Kansas Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** – *Kansas SBDC offers consulting, training, and education to existing or beginning Kansas small businesses.*

Contact Information & Website: SBDC: State Director, *Greg Panichello*: 214 SW 6th St #301, Topeka KS 66603-3719; panichello@ksbdc.net; (785) 296-6514; <http://www.kansassbdc.net/>

Lead 2: **NetWork Kansas** – *is a non-profit founded by the Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas SBDC, cultivates business-building resources to start and grow small businesses.*

Contact Information & Website: NetWork Kansas: P.O. Box 877, Andover, KS 67002-0877; (877) 521-8600; <http://www.networkkansas.com/>

Community Gardens

Lead: **Kansas Community Garden program** – *This joint project of K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Health Foundation offers resources, grant funds, and an annual conference to support existing and beginning community gardens across the state.*

Contact Information: KSRE: 4-H, *Evelyn Neier*: 9822 Harvest Court, Wichita, KS 67212; eneier@k-state.edu; (785) 410-3760

Online Resources:

Kansas Community Gardens: <http://www.kansascommunitygardens.org/>

Community Garden Resource Guide (Let’s Move): <http://www.letsmove.gov/sites/letsmove.gov/files/pdfs/Let%27s%20Move%20Community%20Garden%20Guide.pdf>

Drift / Crop Protection

Lead: **Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)** – *KDA’s Pesticide & Fertilizer Program works to ensure compliance with Kansas statutes and regulations governing products that are used to control pests or to enhance plant growth. They offer compliance assistance and outreach education, complaint investigation, and monitoring inspections.*

KDA’s DriftWatch Specialty Crop Site Registry is a voluntary communication tool that enables crop producers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators to work together to protect specialty crops and apiaries through use of the registry mapping program.

Contact Information: KDA Pesticide & Fertilizer Program: Program Manager, *Dr. Gary Meyer*: 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502; Gary.Meyer@kda.ks.gov; (785) 564-6688 **<-- If you suspect that a pesticide has been misused, including herbicide drift or direct human contact, please report it immediately at this number.**

Online Resources:

- **Kansas Pesticide & Fertilizer Program page (KDA):** <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/pesticide-fertilizer>
- **Kansas Sensitive Crops & DriftWatch page (KDA):** <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/pesticide-fertilizer/sensitive-crops-driftwatch>

Farm Funding, for Kansas Farmers

Lead: **Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)** – maintains a list of grants & loans available to Kansas farmers.

Contact Information: KDA: Agricultural Marketing, Advocacy, & Outreach Team – From the Land of Kansas Specialist, *Annarose White*: 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502; Annarose.Hart@kda.ks.gov, (785) 564-6755

Online Resource: **Agriculture Grants and Loans Available (KDA):** <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/agricultural-marketing-advocacy-and-outreach-team/resources-and-partnerships>

Farmers, Beginning

Lead: **Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition (KBFC)** – *The Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition, coordinated by the Kansas Farmers Union, is a statewide organization working to engage, encourage, and empower beginning farmers of all ages.*

Contact Information: Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition, Kansas Farmers Union: 901 W 1st Street, PO Box 1064, McPherson, KS 67460; kfarmersunion@gmail.com; (620) 241-6630

Online Resources:

- **Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition:** <http://www.kansasfarmersunion.com/kbfc/>
- **Kansas Beginning Farmer Loan Program:** <http://www.start2farm.gov/programs/kansas-beginning-farmer-loan-program> *The Kansas Beginning Farmer Loan Program makes loans available at below-market interest rates to help farmers. The program can be used for beginning farmers and ranchers to purchase agricultural land, farm buildings, farm equipment, and breeding livestock.*
- **Financial Assistance Programs for Kansas Beginning Farmers:** http://www.ksrdc.org/BeginFarm_bro.pdf *A list of beginning farmer financial assistance programs, provided by the Kansas State Rural Development Center.*

Farmers, General

Lead 1: **K-State University Research and Extension (KSRE)** – *KSRE works in all 105 Kansas counties. Local offices are staffed with professionals to serve the public on a range of food & farm related topics.*

Contact Information: KSRE: 123 Umberger Hall; Manhattan, KS 66506; (785) 532-5820

Online Resource: **Map of Research and Extension services in Kansas:** <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/Map.aspx>

Lead 2: **Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC)** – *KCSAAC supports small family-owned farms in Kansas through research, education and outreach focused on production, storage, processing, and marketing technologies that will boost small farm profitability, protect natural resources, and enhance rural communities.*

Contact Information: Coordinator, *Kerri Ebert*: Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Kansas State University, 129 Seaton Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506; kebert@ksu.edu; (785) 532-2976

Online Resource: **KCSAAC Webpage:** <http://kansassustainableag.org/>

Farmers Markets

Lead: **Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)** – *KDA manages a central registration for farmers markets, offers liability coverage, and shares resources through the From the Land of Kansas™ webpage.*

Contact Information: KDA: Agricultural Marketing, Advocacy, & Outreach Team – From the Land of Kansas Specialist, *Annarose White*: 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502; Annarose.Hart@kda.ks.gov, (785) 564-6755

Online Resource: **Farmers Market Resources (KDA):** <http://fromthelandofkansas.com/discover-resources/farmers-market-resources>

Farm-to-Retail

Lead 1: Rural Grocery Initiative – *Kansas State University Center for Engagement and Community Development works to identify and develop models to sustain retail sources of food for rural Kansas citizens. They offer an online toolkit for grocers and are available for technical support.*

Contact Information: RGI: 202 Ahearn, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506; cecd@k-state.edu; (785) 532-6868

Online Resource: **Rural Grocery Toolkit (K-State University):** <http://www.ruralgrocery.org/resources/>

Lead 2: Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) – *KDA works with and supports restaurants using Kansas products and retailers selling Kansas products and ingredients through the From the Land of Kansas™ program and website.*

Contact Information: KDA: Agricultural Marketing, Advocacy, & Outreach Team – From the Land of Kansas Specialist, *Annarose White*: 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502; Annarose.Hart@kda.ks.gov, (785) 564-6755

Online Resource: **From the Land of Kansas™ program (KDA):** <http://fromthelandofkansas.com/>

Farm-to-School & School Gardens

Lead: Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) – *KDSE is the lead agency coordinating statewide farm-to-school efforts. They work with farmers, schools, KDA, and other partners, and offer a central website and contact person for farm-to-school related information and resources.*

Contact Information: KSDE: Farm-to-School Coordinator/ Child Nutrition Consultant, *Barb Depew*, RD, LD: 19565 Pauling Run Road, Wamego, KS 66547; bdepew@ksde.org; (785) 456-7388

Online Resources:

- **Kansas Farm-to-School Website (KSDE):** http://www.kn-eat.org/F2S/F2S_Menu/F2S_Home.htm
- **Kansas Green Schools Garden Gate:** <http://www.kansasgreenschools.org/green-schools-garden-gate> *Kansas Green Schools offers resources and support for beginning and existing school gardens – which now number over 100 in Kansas.*

Food Benefits & Local Foods – Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) System for Kansas Benefit Cards

Lead: Department for Children and Families (DCF) – *Kansas farmers markets and/or individual farmers may apply to receive and use Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) equipment to facilitate food product purchases by customers using either a Kansas Benefit Card (which hold individual Food Assistance benefit funds) or a credit card. EBT machine credit card fees are nationally negotiated and often lower than those available elsewhere.*

Contact Information: DCF: Economic and Employment Services, Food Assistance Program – *Chris Tomlinson*: 915 SW Harrison, Suite 580, Topeka, KS 66612-1505; Chris.Tomlinson@dcf.ks.gov; (785) 296-5416

Online Resources:

- **Market Link:** <http://marketlink.org/> (see if your farm or your farmers market qualify for EBT)
- **“Learn about SNAP Benefits at Farmers Markets” (USDA):** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/ebt/learn-about-snap-benefits-farmers-markets> (informational)

Food Benefits & Local Foods – Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Lead: Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) – *SFMNP provides vouchers for low-income seniors for the purchase of Kansas grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey from participating farmers markets, roadside stands, and CSAs.*

Contact Information: KDHE: Bureau of Health Promotion, Physical Activity/ Nutrition Program – *Anthony Randles*, MPH, PhD: 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 230, Topeka, KS 66612-1270; arandles@kdheks.gov; (785) 296-8060

Online Resource: **Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program webpage (KDHE):** <http://www.kdheks.gov/sfmnp/>

Food Benefits & Local Foods – WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Program

Lead: **Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)** – *WIC provides nutrition and health education, healthful food, and other services to Kansas families who qualify. WIC's goal is to help keep pregnant and breastfeeding women, new moms, and kids under age 5 healthy. Part of the WIC program includes providing checks to buy healthful food.*

Using WIC checks at farmers market or with farm vendors is possible through strategic planning and coordination. However, integrating WIC into the EBT system may be a stronger/simpler option for Kansas.

Contact Information: KDHE: Bureau of Family Health – Nutrition & WIC Section Director, **David Thomason**, MPA: 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 220, Topeka, KS 66612-1270; dthomason@kdheks.gov; (785) 296-1324

Online Resource: **Kansas WIC Program (KDHE):** <http://www.kdheks.gov/nws-wic/index.html>

Food Nutrition Education

Lead: **Kansas State University Research & Extension (KSRE)** – *KSRE's Family Nutrition Program (FNP) provides nutrition education at no cost to Kansas families with limited resources. FNP is the Kansas version of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). It is sponsored by the USDA through a contract with the Department for Children and Families (DCF), and implemented by KSRE. Programming takes place in more than 80 of Kansas's 105 counties, through the efforts of County Extension Agents, their assistants, and a number of partnering agencies.*

Contact Information: KSRE: Extension Human Nutrition/ Department of Human Nutrition – FNP Coordinator/ Assistant Professor Extension Specialist, **Sandra Procter**, PhD, RD, LD: 204 Justin Hall, K-State University Manhattan, KS 66502; procter@k-state.edu; (785) 532-1675

Online Resource: **Family Nutrition Program webpage (KSRE):** <http://www.he.k-state.edu/fnp/>

Food Policy Councils / Local Food and Farm Task Forces

Lead: **Kansas Alliance for Wellness (KAW)**

Contact Information: KAW Coordinator: Advocacy Project Director at American Heart Association, Kansas, **Missty Lechner**. AHA Midwest Affiliate, 5375 SW 7th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66606; Misssty.Lechner@heart.org; (785) 228-3419

Online Resources:

- **Food Policy Council Resources (Public Health Law Center):** <http://publichealthlawcenter.org/resources/food-policy-council-resources/> *The resources included on this webpage provide strategic direction to Kansans seeking to create and implement food councils or task forces to increase access to healthful food.*
- **Food Policy Network (Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future):** <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/johns-hopkins-center-for-a-livable-future/projects/FPN> *This website hosts a national network of food policy councils, provides examples of model policies, and includes an extensive resource database with thousands of reports written by or for food policy councils/ task forces.*

Food Safety

Lead: **Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA)** – *KDA's Food Safety and Lodging program promotes public safety by regulating the production and sale of food products in Kansas.*

Contact Information: KDA Food Safety & Lodging – Program Manager, **Steven Moris**, CPM: 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502; steve.moris@kda.ks.gov; (785) 564-6767

Online Resources:

- **Food Safety & Lodging (KDA):** <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/food-safety-lodging>
- **Food Safety for Kansas Farmers Market Vendors (KSRE & KDA):** <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/Item.aspx?catId=201&pubId=17219>
- **Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Cost-Share Program (KDA):** <https://agriculture.ks.gov/ksda/services/grants-and-cost-share-programs/good-agricultural-practices-%28gap%29>

Pollinators & Pollinator Habitat

Lead: The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation – At the time of writing, there is no specified in-state lead on this subject in Kansas. However, Kansas is served by a regional Midwest Pollinator Conservation Specialist through The Xerces Society. Xerces is a nonprofit organization at the forefront of invertebrate protection worldwide, harnessing the knowledge of scientists and the enthusiasm of citizens to implement conservation programs.

Contact Information: Midwest Pollinator Conservation Specialist, *Jennifer Hopwood*: jhopwood@xerces.org; (855) 232-6639

Online Resource: Xerces pollinator conservation page: <http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/>

Value Added Food Processing

Lead: Kansas State University (KSU) – KSU’s Value Added Foods Lab offers food-related businesses, processors, and entrepreneurs numerous services. They process requests and inquiries in regard to new food concepts; assist in the production of new foods or consult on methods of adding value to existing ones; perform a wide variety of physical, chemical, microbiological, and sensory evaluations; conduct shelf-life tests to determine expiration date; review product labels for compliance with state and federal guidelines; generate nutritional information panels from available databases or by chemical analysis; offer HACCP and food safety training; act as a “Processing Authority,” as defined by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); suggest suppliers for ingredients, packaging materials, and equipment; answer questions concerning food processing rules and regulations; and offer publications on food processing issues such as labeling and sanitation.

Contact Information: KSU Value Added Foods Lab: 216 Call Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506; kvaf@ksu.edu; (785) 532-1668

Online Resources:

- **Kansas Value Added Foods Lab:** <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/kvaf/p.aspx>
- **Value Added Producers Grant (USDA Rural Development):** http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html



Water Policy in Kansas

Kansas's state-level water policies are directed by a number of government agencies. These include:

- **Kansas Water Office (KWO)** – the water planning, policy, coordination and marketing agency for the state. The primary statutory function of the agency is the development and implementation of the Kansas Water Plan. KWO, in coordination with KWA, reviews all water laws and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for needed legislation to ensure water policies and programs address the needs of all Kansans. *(KWO: 901 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66612; (785) 296-3185; kwo-info@kwo.ks.gov; http://www.kwo.org/contact_us/Contact_Us.htm)*
 - **Kansas Water Authority (KWA)** – statutorily within and a part of KWO, KWA is a governor-appointed board that represents diverse water use interest groups and state natural resource agency leaders. KWA advises the Governor, Legislature, and the Director of KWO on water policy issues. They are also responsible for approving water storage sales, the Kansas Water Plan, federal contracts, regulations, and legislation proposed by KWO.
- **Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources (DWR)** – governs the use and allocation of the state's water resources; regulates the construction of dams, levees, and other changes to streams; represents Kansas on its four interstate river compacts; and coordinates the National Flood Insurance Program in Kansas. They administer 30 state laws, including the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, Groundwater Management District Act, Obstructions in Streams, and the Levee Law. *(KDA-DWR: 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502; (785) 564-6640; <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/dwr>)*
- **Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation** – works with 105 local conservation districts, 88 organized watershed districts, other special purpose districts, and state and federal entities to administer programs that: improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, conserve water, reduce flood potential, and provide local water supply. *(KDA-DC: 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502; (785) 564-6640; <http://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-conservation/>)*
 - **State Conservation Commission (SCC)** – partners with the Division of Conservation to administer the Conservation Districts Law (K.S.A. 2-1901 et seq), the Watershed District Act (K.S.A. 24-1201 et seq.), and other statutes authorizing various programs. SCC works to protect and enhance Kansas's natural resources and assist local governments and individuals in conserving the state's renewable resources. SCC is comprised of and governed by nine elected officials, each serving two-year terms.
- **Kansas Department of Health and Environment Bureau of Water** – regulates and administers programs related to public water supplies, wastewater treatment systems, the disposal of sewage and nonpoint sources of pollution. *(KDHE Water: 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 420, Topeka, KS 66612-1367; (785) 296-5500; mtate@kdheks.gov; <http://www.kdheks.gov/water/>)*