



KRC Farm & Food Conference
November 8 - 9
Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview 400 W Douglas Ave.,
Wichita, KS 67202

“Planting Ideas, Growing Our Future: Carbon, Climate and Communities”

Agenda Friday, November 8 - Day 1

***Agenda subject to change**

- 8:00 am** **Registration Opens**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9:10 am** **Keynote - “Agriculture’s Role in Ecological Sustainability and Economic Justice” - Fred Iutzi, President of The Land Institute in Salina, KS**
- 10:15 am** **Break, Networking, Exhibits Open**

Breakout Sessions	Resilient Communities & People	Climate and Agriculture	New Ideas, New Beginnings & Transitions	Advocacy and Collective Action
10:30 am	Feeding your Neighbors: Funding Resources to Grow your Farm Business Speakers: Isabelle Busenitz, Kansas Healthy Food Initiative; Tiffany Nixon, NetWork Kansas; Kerri Ebert, KS SARE; Nancy Pletcher, KS Rural Development	Building Resilience in your soil to Weather any Extreme Speaker: Candy Thomas, USDA NRCS	Extending the Growing Season in Hoophouses Speaker: Cary Rivard, K-State Research & Extension	WEALTH: Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation and Health- Kansas State Policy overview Panel: Zack Pistora, KS Sierra Club; Jessica Lucas, Paul Johnson, KRC; Sheldon Weisgrau, Alliance for a Healthy Kansas; Dawn Buehler, Friends of the KAW. Moderated by Beth Pauley, Metropolitan Energy Center

Noon **Lunch featuring locally produced and sourced food**

1:00 pm **Plenary Session: Call for Action - Kansas Climate Health Declaration with Climate and Energy Project Rachel Myslivy; and Farmer Climate Action Sign on Letter, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition with Tara Ritter & Mary Fund**

2:00 pm **Break, Networking, Exhibits Open**

2:15 pm	Future of food and farming: Bridging Gaps in Community Planning Speakers: Hugo Pérez Trejo; Bertha Mendoza, K-State Extension Agent; Project Rally	Managing Woodlands for Carbon, Changes in Climate and Biodiversity Speakers: Bob Atchison, KFS; Wayne White, Landowner	Basic Financial Management & Recordkeeping for Specialty Crop Production Speaker: Tom Buller, Douglas County Extension	Farm Policy & Practices to Mitigate Climate Change: Speakers: Tara Ritter, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy for NSAC; Mark Janzen, NRCS; Ed Reznicek, farmer
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3:45 pm Break, Networking, Exhibits Open, Snacks

4:00 pm	Coping with Stress and Anxiety on the Farm (and in the World Overall): Speakers: Charlie Griffin, Forrest Buhler and Char Henton - <i>Kansas Mediation Service</i>	Extreme Weather in the Plains and How Farmers and Ranchers Can Adapt Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Basara, University of Oklahoma	Ecosphere Artist: An Interactive Soil Art Project with Rena Detrixhe, artist in residence at the Land Institute	Land/Farm owner and Land Seeker Mixer- Facilitated by Mary Fund, KRC, and Julia Valliant, Indiana University <i>*Separate registration required to attend this session – Visit:</i> https://kansasruralcenter.org/farm-owner-farm-seeker-mixer/
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5:30 - 8:00 pm 40th Anniversary Reception/Social- Hotel River View Room.

At KRC’s annual conference this year, we will celebrate 40 years of work for a more sustainable food and farm future! Come join us for food, music and Kansas beer and wine, and networking! Annie Wilson, former KRC board member also known as the “Flint Hills Balladeer” and the Tallgrass Express will provide background music plus a concert from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There’ll be plenty of space to enjoy visiting with old friends while enjoying good food and drink.

5:30 - 6:15 pm Reception/Social begins with Hors d’oeuvres buffet and music

6:15 - 6:45 pm Program: Looking Back but Moving Forward; Comments from KRC board and past board and staff, and Our Partners

6:45 - 7:30 pm Concert - Tallgrass Express

Conference registration includes the evening celebration on Friday November 8 from 5:30 to 8:00. But for those who want to attend ONLY the evening celebration, we ask that you contribute \$40 for 40 Years. We ask that you please pre-register at <https://kansasruralcenter.org/2019-conference/> on the Conference Registration button so we can plan food and drink!



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Agenda Saturday, November 9 - Day 2

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- 8:00 am** **Registration Opens**
- 9:00 am** **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9:10 am** **Keynote - “Leveraging Urban Food Markets to Support Rural-Urban Linkages & Regional Economic Development”**
 Becca Jablonski, Food Systems Extension Economist, Colorado State University
- 10:15 am** **Break, Networking, Exhibits Open**

Breakout Sessions	Resilient Communities & People	Climate and Agriculture	New Ideas, New Beginnings & Transitions	Advocacy and Collective Action
10:30 am	Assessing the Economic Impacts of Food Systems Programming, Policies, and Initiatives Speaker: Becca Jablonski, Colorado State University Economist	Weathering the Extremes for Grazing and Livestock Management Speakers: Dale Strickler and Keith Long, ranchers	Changing the World One Chicken at a Time: How RegeNErate Nebraska is Building Communities From the Soil Up Speaker: Graham Christensen	Is it Time for a New Approach to Renewable Energy and Wind Farm Siting? Panel: Dorothy Barnett, CEP; Pete Ferrell, rancher; Mary Fund, KRC.

Noon **Lunch featuring locally produced and sourced food**

1:00 pm **Plenary Session: Harvesting Opportunities for the Future of Farming & Food in Kansas**
 Lt. Gov. Lynn Rogers & Office of Rural Prosperity; Marlin Bates, Douglas County Extension; A member of The Rural Revitalization Committee (TBA); and Mary Fund or Natalie Fullerton, KRC.

2:15 pm	Feeding Communities through Civic Agriculture Speakers: Kathleen Webb, Children First; Ryan & Jennifer Speer, Milpa Garden Farmers, Lauren Scislawski, Legacy Garden Works; Jane Belanger, Heartland Farm	Managing for Soil Health: A Farmer Panel Panel: Linda Pechin-Long, Graze the Prairie; Jessica Gnad, urban farming/soil health; Keith Thompson, No-Till farming; Gail Fullerton and Lynnette Miller, regenerative farming/farming for human and community health	Lessons on How to make a non-traditional farm succession work Farmer Panel: Mark Janzen; Dennis Demmel and Ted Bruns; Pete Ferrell, and Susan Jones	CAFO’s and “Right to Harm”: How to Protect Ks. Citizens – 30 min. Film + Discussion Speakers: Craig Volland & Ashlen Busick
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3:45 pm **Break, Networking, Snacks**

4:00 pm	Why Local Food Matters: A Wichita Food Shed Perspective Panel: Luke Snow, Farmshop; Carlos Vera, Chef; Josh Rathbun, Chef; Katherine Elder, Chef & Farmer; Megan Greenway, Ories Farm Fresh	Water in Kansas: Past & Present Speaker: Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey	Dealing with Pesticide Drift: Existing Laws, New Legal Options, and Practical Advice Speakers: Joanna Will, KRC; Zack Pistora, Ks. Chapter of Sierra Club; and Paul Johnson, KRC	Organizing for 2020: How and why your vote matters Speaker: Lindsay Behgam, Mainstream Coalition
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5:30 pm **Adjournment: Return Evaluations**