

KDA and KSRE Offer Local Food Producer Workshop Series

M A N H A T T A N , Kansas — The Kansas Department of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) will offer seven regional Local Food Producer Workshops to assist farmers' market vendors and managers, and for those wanting to sell food products directly to consumers.

Kansas farmers' markets not only provide a fresh food source, but also stimulate the local economy. In 2025, more than 100 farmers' markets were registered with KDA's Central Registration of Farmers' Markets.

"We work to equip Kansas farmers' markets and ag businesses with the tools they need to succeed," said Sammy Gleason, KDA's *From the Land of Kansas* manager. "These workshops will strengthen local businesses by offering current food safety

guidance and fresh marketing strategies for direct-to-consumer sales."

Workshop topics will vary slightly by location. Highlighted topics include:

- Marketing
- Food safety
- Regulations on selling meat, eggs and poultry
- Sales tax for vendors
- Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- SNAP/Double Up Food Bucks
- KDA's weights and measures program will also offer free scale certification at the workshops for attendees.
- Dates and locations for the Local Food Producer Workshops are as follows:

Friday, February 6 — Olathe: K-State Olathe Saturday, February 7 — Hutchinson: Hutchinson Community College

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20 — Holton: Jackson County Fairgrounds — NE Heritage Complex

Thursday, February 26 — Dodge City: Ford County Fair Building

Friday, February 27 — Oakley: Buffalo Bill Cultural Center

Friday, March 6 — Parsons: Southeast Research & Extension Center

Tuesday, March 10 — Beloit: Fort Hays Tech North Central

Registration for the workshops is now open and is \$25 per participant. Registration and more information can be found at FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMworkshop, at K-State Research and Extension, ksre-learn.com/food-producer-workshops, or at local extension offices.

For more information,

contact Robin Dolby, KDA's *From the Land of Kansas* marketing coordinator, at 785-564-6756 or fromthelandofkansas@ks.gov.

The workshops are funded by the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, and sponsored by KSRE and KDA.

KDA is committed to providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy. The Kansas Ag Growth Strategy has identified training for small companies via workshops as a key growth outcome for the specialty crop sector. The Local Food Producer Workshops will provide education through partnerships to help make Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses more successful.

Legal Notices

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of DELORES DIANE LOCKHART f/k/a DELORES BAALMANN, Deceased

Case No. LG-2025-PR-000023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 11, 2025 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned is an heir, devisee and legatee named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated January 31, 1997 and the Petition requests that the Will

be admitted to probate and record; that Jason Baalmann be appointed as Administrator and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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Petitioner

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Starting an Election Year

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

This week marks the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026. There is no denying that 2025 has been a year we will never forget. Some of us would like to forget 2025 and others have had a good year. Yes, I am talking about the difference between those of us who raise crops and those of us who have cattle. It has been a year of extremes.

However, whether you liked it or hated it, 2025 is in the rearview mirror and 2026 is dead ahead. What will 2026 bring us? Who knows? It is an election year. These elections have a lot riding on the line, and your involvement is critical for agriculture.

If you are a member of Voters Organized to Elect Farm Bureau Friends (VOTE FBF), thank you and now is the time to start researching the candidates in your area so you can have an informed opinion about which candidate could help agriculture the most. If you have not yet contributed to VOTE FBF, I would encourage you to do so right now and you can make your voice heard when the County Evaluation Committee or CEC meets and chooses candidates to support.

Every member's opinion is important when the VOTE FBF board makes its selections both for the primary and for the general election. We know that increasingly farmers and ranchers are becoming a smaller and smaller portion of the population, so it is important that we band together to have a louder voice.

Agriculture is the largest industry in Kansas, and it is critical that we elect officials who understand agriculture and the importance of what we do. We need officials who are at least receptive to hear the message Kansas Farm

Bureau brings to the Capitol, both in Topeka and Washington D.C.

That all starts with you being involved with the individuals we send to represent us. We must get to know them before they are elected, and it is just as important that they know who the members of Kansas Farm Bureau are too.

VOTE FBF has a tremendous history of backing winners in the election. That is because the recommendations come from our county Farm Bureaus, not the top down. Each county has the opportunity to submit their recommendations, and they carry a great deal of weight when VOTE FBF makes endorsements.

Now, over the coming months, take the time to meet the candidates and understand where they stand, especially on issues affecting farming and ranching. Make sure your CEC knows how you feel and then watch for the VOTE FBF endorsed candidates both before the primary election and again before the general election.

I am proud to be part of an organization that puts so much emphasis on decisions at the grassroots level. That is why candidates prize the endorsement of VOTE FBF so much, it truly is from the electors themselves. Again, I urge you to contribute, do your homework and take part in the CEC process and help determine who we send to Topeka and D.C. As we turn the calendar and start an election year, our work is as important now as it has ever been.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Prevent a Winter Blood Shortage: Give Blood Now

Donors have chance to win trip to Super Bowl LX during National Blood Donor Month

Red Cross, Saquon Barkley huddle up for a lifesaving play in January

[KANSAS, Jan. 5, 2026] — The American Red Cross is teetering on a blood shortage this winter, which could lead to a disruption in lifesaving care. Donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood now.

The Red Cross blood supply is under pressure following a busy holiday season when winter weather and packed schedules made it even tougher to ensure hospitals have the blood products needed for critical care. Without immediate action, doctors may have to make difficult decisions about which patients receive blood transfusions and who will need to wait. Donors with types O, A negative and B negative blood are especially needed now.

Don't wait — make an appointment to give blood now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

For the seventh year, the Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering in January for National Blood Donor Month to urge individuals to kick off 2026 with a blood donation. As a thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-25, 2026, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LX giveaway. The winner and guest will get to enjoy Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara, California, access to day-of in-stadium pregame activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 6-9, 2026), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Join a lifesaving team The Red Cross and Pro Football Champion and blood donor Saquon Barkley are teaming up

to remind donors that the best offense against a winter blood shortage is making and keeping blood donation appointments. The blood supply can drop quickly — now's the time to get in the game and give blood.

"I gave blood once in college and that was the only time I had ever been asked to give, until the Red Cross reached out this fall," said Barkley. "It was a no-brainer for me to give again. It only takes about an hour and once you realize in that short amount of time how much help it can bring — it's a beautiful thing."

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Jan. 5-31:

Scott County: Scott City 1/21/2026: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., William Carpenter

Building, 606 N Fairground Rd

Sheridan County: Hoxie 2/3/2026: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., 4-H Building, 1308 Main, Sheridan County Fairgrounds

Wallace County: Sharon Springs 1/14/2026: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Community Building, 316 W Ramon St

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification

are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.



Weimer Auction
Thomas County Real Estate
Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026

Starting Time: 10 a.m.
Sale Location: 4-H Building in Hoxie, KS

Selling will be 800 (+/-) acres of Thomas County, KS Cropland & Grass Pasture.

Manner of Sale: This real estate will be offered in 5 tracts only. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the auction company.

Terms: 10% down day of sale, with balance to be paid on or before March 13th, 2026 or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the sellers. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be made in certified funds. All funds will be held by an identified title/escrow company. Bidding is not contingent upon financing. Financing, if necessary, needs to be arranged and approved prior to the auction.

Announcements made on the date of sale take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements.

Crops: There are no growing crops.

FSA Information: Any future FSA payments will follow the crop and will be paid pursuant to FSA regulations.

Mineral Rights: All of the seller's interest will transfer to the buyer(s) at closing.

Possession: Date of Closing

Closing: Closing will be on or before March 13th, 2026.

Real Estate Taxes: Taxes for 2025 will be prorated to the date of closing.

Statements: While not guaranteed are from reliable sources.

Acceptance of Bids: The successful bidder will be required to enter into a purchase contract immediately following the auction. Copies of contracts will be available prior to the sale.

Acresages: Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources based on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change, including but not limited to the number of cropland acres, grass acres, base acres and yield. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres or county appraiser acres. The number of acres is not guaranteed by the title insurance.

Evidence of title: Seller will provide title insurance to the buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be paid one-half by the buyer and one-half by the seller. Title evidence will be provided on sale day.

Inspection: Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections and due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property. Neither Seller or Midway Realty Inc., its agents or representatives, are making any warranties about the property, either expressed or implied.

Easements: This sale is subject to all rights-of-way and easements, whether recorded or not, and to oil and gas leases of record, if any.

Agency: Midway Realty Inc., its agents and representatives, are the exclusive agents of the Seller.

Sale will be conducted by Weimer Auction Service/Midway Realty Inc. in cooperation with Elite Realty Land & Auction.

Bidding can be done in person, online, or by phone.

All internet and phone bidders must be registered and approved prior to sale, with proper ID.

For more information contact:

Weimer Auction Service Mike Weimer, Listing Agent 785-675-9834	Midway Realty Inc. 785-672-4541 midwayrealtyks.com	Elite Realty Land & Auction 785-521-2100 www.eliterealtyks.com equjmen@eliterealtyks.com	Drone video at: midwayrealtyks.com www.eliterealtyks.com
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Tract 1
Legals: SW 1/4 of Section 7-8-31 Thomas Co., KS
Farmland acres = 139.05
Cropland acres = 139.36
2025 Taxes = \$1,210.28
Buyer will owe the Tenant \$5,501.11 for herbicide application

Soil Legend:
1619 Keith Silt Loam 0 to 1 percent slope 79.8%
1623 Keith Silt Loam 1 to 3 percent slope 20.2%
Located: County Road 32 and O Road, go 1/2 mile west to the SE corner of property in Thomas Co., KS

Tract 2
Legals: NE 1/4 of Section 29-8-31 Thomas Co., KS
Cropland acres = 158.85
Bases: Wheat Grain Sorg. Soybeans Corn
54.53 5.96 29.47 6.38
Yield: 46 114 38 133
2025 Taxes = \$1,305.68
Soil Legend:
1619 Keith Silt Loam 0 to 1 percent slope 47.4%
1623 Keith Silt Loam 1 to 3 percent slope 36.9%
1960 Buffalo Park Silt Loam 3 to 6 percent slope 11.7%
1857 Ulysses Silt Loam 1 to 3 percent slope 4.0%
Located: County Road 33 and O Road to the NE corner of property in Thomas Co., KS

Tract 3
Legals: NE 1/4 of Section 28-8-31 Thomas Co., KS
57.36 acres of cropland
96.78 acres of grass pasture
Bases: Wheat Grain Sorghum
25.93 11.30
2025 Taxes = \$800.00(+/-) check with County Treasurer
Soil Legend:
1619 Keith Silt Loam 0 to 1 percent slope 43.7%
1960 Buffalo Park Silt Loam 3 to 6 percent slope 20.9%
1623 Keith Silt Loam 1 to 3 percent slope 18.7%
1580 Colby Silt Loam 6 to 15 percent slope 16.7%
Located: Co. Road 34 and O Road to the NE corner of property in Thomas Co., KS

Tract 4
Legals: SW 1/4 of Section 22-8-31 Thomas Co., KS
Cropland acres = 155.69
Bases: Wheat Grain Sorghum
77.30 30.70
Yield: 49 48
2025 Taxes = \$1,328.22
Soil Legend:
1623 Keith Silt Loam 1 to 3 percent slope 64.4%
1619 Keith Silt Loam 0 to 1 percent slope 26.9%
1960 Richfield Silty Clay Loam 0 to 1 percent slope 8.7%
Located: County Road 34 and O Road to the SW corner of property in Thomas Co., KS

Tract 5
Legals: NW 1/4 of Section 24-8-31 Thomas Co., KS
Cropland acres = 159.98
Bases: Wheat 94.40 Yield 49
2025 Taxes = \$1,296.28
Soil Legend:
1623 Keith Silt Loam 1 to 3 percent slope 66.1%
1619 Keith Silt Loam 0 to 1 percent slope 18.8%
1960 Buffalo Park Silt Loam 3 to 6 percent slope 14.3%
1580 Colby Silt Loam 6 to 15 percent slope 0.8%
Located: County Road 36 and P Road to the NW corner of property in Thomas Co., KS

All buyers unknown to Auction Firm will be asked to show proper ID and credit reference from their bank prior to sale. Terms: Cash or Good Check day of sale.

NOTE: All statements or representation herein are believed to be correct. The Auction Firm makes no warranties either expressed or implied. Announcements made day of sale shall take precedence over printed material. All guarantees are between buyer & seller.

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