





# 2019 Cover Your Acres Conference highlights plants, people

Agricultural producers, consultants, and experts will gather for the 16th annual Cover Your Acres Winter Conference on Jan. 15-16, at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin. The conference is a joint venture between K-State Research and Extension, the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance, and conference sponsors.

"Economics is big on everyone's mind right now," said Lucas Haag, an agronomist with K-State Research and Extension's

Northwest Area Office in Colby. "So we have Jordan Steele, the lead economist with Northwest Kansas Farm Management Association, presenting their analysis of (KFMA) members' data and trying to look at what is driving profitability in our operations here in northwest Kansas and what potential pitfalls producers should be aware of." In addition, Mykel Taylor with K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics will discuss land values and rental rates.

Weed control continues to be a leading challenge for many producers in the Central High Plains. Marshall Hay, a Ph.D. candidate in K-State's Department of Agronomy, will present on the topic of how producers can get better effectiveness from paraquat, an old herbicide that has found new favor in the era of herbicide-resistant kochia and palmer amaranth. Additionally, Rich Zollinger, weed science professor emeritus from North Dakota State University will

provide a comprehensive look at how applicators can use the proper adjustments to improve tankmix performance.

Other topics include dryland corn hybrids, seeding rate, and planting date selection, reclaiming eroded high pH soils with beef manure, irrigated soybean management, avoiding wheat production mistakes, corn insect resistance, and palmer amaranth management.

The same programs will be offered both days of the conference; partic-

ipants attending both days will find it easier to catch most or all of the presentations. The program offers a total of ten continuing education unit (CEU) credits for Certified Crop Advisors and four CEUs for Commercial Applicators.

Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m., with educational sessions ending at 5 p.m. followed by a "bull session" on Tuesday evening, where attendees can visit with industry and university specialists while enjoying heavy hors

d'oeuvres.

Early registration is due by Jan. 9. The fee is \$45 for either day or \$65 for both days. After Jan. 9, the cost is \$65 per day. The conference fee includes lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments, and educational materials.

The full conference schedule and online registration are available at [www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveryouracres](http://www.northwest.ksu.edu/coveryouracres). For questions, call 785-462-6281.

Major sponsors of the conference include Pioneer, Hoxie Implement Co., Lang Diesel Inc., Bayer, National Sunflower Association, Plains Equipment Group, Nutrien Ag Solutions, and SureFire Ag.

## Winter Ranch Management Seminar to kick off in February

Strategies to mitigate environmental factors impacting reproduction is the theme of the 2019 Kansas State University Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series. Hosted at four sites across the state of Kansas, the meetings will feature presentations and comments by Extension educators on profit-enhancing strategies.

The meetings will also feature a popular "town-hall" style, question-and-answer session between Kansas cattle producers and Extension specialists. The series has a history of being a successful stretch of meetings, which are hosted throughout the state of Kansas, said Bob Weaber, K-State Research and Extension cow-calf specialist. Weaber, along with other state, district and local Extension staff, will take part in the series to help answer producers' questions. The specialists will answer a wide range of questions on beef cattle issues including animal health, nutrition, management, genetics and reproduction.

"The previous year's variable weather across Kansas presented many challenges for farmers and ranchers. Our extension team continues to field questions from beef producers related to environmental effects and their impact on cow-herd reproduction," Weaber said. "The Winter Ranch

Management series provides another great opportunity for state and local specialists to take our expertise out in the country for a series of impactful face-to-face meetings. Our extension team has a breadth of experience in beef cattle management, reproduction, genetics, animal health and nutrition. We're here to help solve and prevent production problems with reliable information."

Topics to be discussed are environmental factors affecting conception rates and forage quality and availability impacts on beef cow nutrition during late gestation and pre-breeding.

"Early in the year is a great time for producers to think and plan for the coming year," he said. "Many producers have a number of experiences in 2018 to reflect upon. As producers approach the calving season it is a good time of year to consider opportunities to improve management to reduce costs and enhance revenue streams."

2019 Winter Ranch Management locations and contacts include:

**Minneapolis**  
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019; 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Location: Minneapolis Grade School (North Gymnasium Entrance)  
312 Delia Ave  
Minneapolis, Ks. 67467  
RSVP by January 29,

**2019 to:**  
**Cade Rensink, Central Kansas District**  
785-392-2147; crensink@ksu.edu  
**Barrett Simon, Post Rock Extension District**  
785-378-3174; barrett8@ksu.edu  
**Brett Melton, River Valley District**  
785-243-8185; bmelton@ksu.edu  
**Clint Laffin, Midway Extension District**  
785-483-3157; cllaffin@ksu.edu

**Jetmore**  
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019; Noon-3:30 p.m.  
Location: Hodgeman County 4-H Building  
1005 Atkin  
Jetmore, Ks. 67854  
RSVP by February 12, 2019 to:  
DeWayne Craghead,  
Hodgeman Co. Extension  
620-357-8321; dcraghea@ksu.edu

**Rush Center**  
Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2019; 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Location: Township Hall,  
220 Union Street  
Rush Center, Ks.  
RSVP by February 12, 2019 to:  
Alicia Boor, Great Bend Office, Cottonwood Extension District  
620-793-1910; aboor@ksu.edu

**Jared Petersilie, La-Crosse Office, Walnut Creek Extension District**  
785-222-2710; jaredp11@

## Local Food Producer Entrepreneurship Workshop planned for February 8

There is more to growing local food than planting a few seeds. To have a thriving local food business it is still necessary to have modern business and marketing skills to compete in the marketplace. The Local Food Producer Entrepreneurship Workshop is designed to help aspiring and existing local food producers gain those skills.

The workshop will be held Friday, February 8, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 4-H Hall at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at

21st and Ridge in Wichita. Cost of registration is \$15 by February 1st and \$20 after that. The registration deadline is Wednesday, February 6th. Register online at <http://sedgwick.ksu.edu> or by calling 316-660-0100.

The workshop topics include business financing, social media, diverse marketing channels, and more. The keynote speakers will be Chris & Christi Jansen from C&C High Tunnel Farms. They will be speaking about their experiences using diverse marketing channels to grow their

farm business.

Registration for this event is paired with the registration for the Wichita Farmers' Market Regional Workshop.

For more information, please call Rebecca McMahon at 316-660-0142.

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**McPherson**  
Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2018; 12:45 - 3:45 p.m.

**Location: McPherson County Extension Office**  
600 W. Woodside  
McPherson, Ks. 67640  
RSVP by February 19, 2018 to:  
Terra Regehr, McPherson Co. Extension Office Professional  
620-241-1523; tregehr@ksu.edu

For more information: Shad Marston, McPherson Co. Extension Agricul-

ture Agent  
620-241-1523; smarston@ksu.edu

Meeting times and registration fees vary by location, but all will include a meal. Participants are asked to RSVP for a selected location by the close of business one week prior to the event. Interested participants should contact their local host contact for registration and RSVP details.

More information about the K-State Winter Ranch Management Seminar Series is available at [KSUBeef.org](http://KSUBeef.org).



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Ramona, 1 red	1835@54.00	Ramona, 1 red	1530@45.00
Herington, 1 blk	1625@52.00	Lost Springs, 4 mix	460@134.00
Lost Springs, 1 blk	1400@50.00	Tampa, 4 wf	593@129.00
Marion, 1 blk	1440@50.00	Wilsey, 1 blk	1685@74.00
Lost Springs, 1 ylw	1330@48.00	Wilsey, 1 red	1505@73.50
Herington, 1 blk	1305@48.00	Ramona, 1 red	2010@65.00
Herington, 1 blk	1115@47.00	Lost Springs, 1 rnf	1450@46.00
Lost Springs, 1 rnf	1450@46.00	Hope, 62 blk	850@141.75
Lost Springs, 1 char	1645@45.00		

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# Roberts announces he will not seek re-election

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

Just weeks after successfully shepherding his eighth farm bill to the President's desk for a signature, Sen. Pat Roberts travelled to Manhattan for an emotional announcement that he would not seek re-election in 2020. "Manhattan is an example of all I have worked for on behalf of Kansans and the nation," Roberts said. "Along with the farm bills he helped craft, Roberts listed among his proudest accomplishments the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), which is currently under construction in Manhattan, calling it the anchor of our state's new economy, based on research infrastructure and agriculture. "It will create jobs for our citizens and innovation for the world," he stressed. "I have spent 18 years working with many partners in the state, federal and local government to bring this facility - and all of the resulting benefits - to our state. It is a personal point of pride to see this construction when 18 years ago, few people believed we could do it, but we did."



With his wife Franki by his side, Sen. Pat Roberts made the announcement last Friday that he will not seek re-election in 2020. He chose Manhattan for the location to make his announcement because he feels the city is an example of all he has worked for on behalf of Kansas and the nation. "It is the tangible realization of hope and progress, prosperity and growth."

job done." While the farm bill has been passed and signed by the President into law, Roberts said the Senate Ag Committee which he chairs, still has urgent work to do. He said they will make trade policy a top priority and will oversee USDA's implementation of the farm bill to ensure it is working for farmers and ranchers. Roberts said he will also spend time in the next two years expressing his appreciation to those who have helped him and the state of Kansas along the way. "There are many partners inside and outside of

government who contribute to the policies and vision that have enhanced our way of life," he said. "There are no self-made men or women in public office; it is your friends who make you what you are and I have a lot of friends along the way who have helped me make a difference for this state." Topping the list of those supporters is his wife, and children David, Ashleigh and Anne-Wesley. "Their love, support and perhaps most important, their understanding - well, you can imagine how that feels. I'm a very lucky husband, father and now grandfather

to seven." "For a boy who was born in Topeka, grew up in Holton and bled purple at K-State, I've been given a wonderful opportunity by the people of Kansas through 16 elections in the House representing the Big First and eight elections in the Senate. Twenty-four elections! I'm damn proud of that undefeated record, and it's all thanks to a strong partnership in government with the good people of Kansas."

Following the announcement, Senator Jerry Moran said, "Senator Pat Roberts has had an impressive tenure as a leader in both the House and the Senate, and has served Kansans honorably as chairman of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Senate Ethics Committee. Pat's leadership, wit and ability to bring indi-

viduals on both sides of the aisle together, skills he honed in service to our nation as a U.S. Marine, will be missed in Congress. It's been an honor to work with the senior senator from Kansas on behalf of our state. Thank you, Pat, for your friendship and

many years of service." "Kansas farmers and ranchers thank Senator Pat Roberts for his lifetime of service to agriculture," said Kansas Farm Bureau president Rich Felts. "He's served as a leader in both the House and the Senate, and been a strong advocate for agriculture. We are grateful for his strong leadership, tenure and tenacity."

"I can't think of a lawmaker who is more in touch with U.S. and Kansas agriculture, and it's hard for us to consider a future without Pat Roberts as a Kansas senator," Kansas Corn Growers Association CEO Greg Krissek said. "Farmers in Kansas and across the nation have benefited from Senator Roberts' insightful and dedicated leadership in the Senate - especially his work on the Senate Agriculture Committee."

While Roberts sometimes faced criticism for working across the aisle and striving for bipartisanship, it is exactly that ability he believes led to the passage of the farm bills and other achievements. "Even though the world has changed, the politics have changed, and the personalities have changed many times over, with the support of Kansans, I'm proud to have offered consistent and dependable leadership to our state through it all. I've learned that being true to myself and sticking to my principles will always win the day."

## Olathe farmers' market workshop February 1

The Kansas Department of Agriculture, K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will host a regional workshop in Olathe on Friday, Feb. 1, at K-State Olathe. This is one of six regional workshops which are being held this winter to assist farmers' market vendors and managers.

Kansas farmers' markets not only provide a fresh food source, but also stimulate the local economy. In 2018, 95 farmers' markets were registered with KDA's Central Registration of Farmers' Markets.

"Farmers' markets provide growers a wonderful opportunity to have real interaction with consumers, and a chance to tell their farm's story," said Londa Nwadike, consumer food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension and the University of Missouri. "It's also important for farmers to understand certain legal, safety and financial parameters before choosing to sell at a farmers' market."

A keynote presentation will feature tips on marketing and making a profit, and a panel will provide information selling to institutions such as restaurants, groceries and schools. KDA's weights and measures program will

also offer free scale certification for attendees. Workshop topics will include:

- Pest Control Methods, Cover Crops and Soil Health
- Regulations for Selling Meat, Eggs and Poultry
- Double Up Bucks and Sales Tax for Vendors
- Specialty Crops and Produce Safety
- More Mushroom Identification
- Kansas and Missouri Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Training

The workshop will be held at K-State Olathe, 22201 W. Innovation Drive in Olathe. Onsite registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and the workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. Registration for this workshop is now open and is \$20 per participant. Registration includes lunch; however, lunch will only be guaranteed to those participants who register by Jan. 24. Registration forms can be found at [FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMWorkshop](http://FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMWorkshop) or at local extension offices.

For more information, contact Lexi Wright, KDA's From the Land of Kansas marketing coordinator, at 785-564-6755 or [Lexi.Wright@ks.gov](mailto:Lexi.Wright@ks.gov). Workshops are also being held in Parsons, Dodge City, Wichita, Manhattan and Hays.

### Grass & Grain Weather Report Jan. 9, 2019

Seven Day Forecast	In-Depth Local Forecast	Today's Local Outlook																																								
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