

# Agriculture

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**March 2023**

### Upcoming Events

#### March

21 National Ag Day

#### April

13 Time for Turnout Program



### National Ag Day - March 21st

Every day, but especially March 23rd, we celebrate and recognize the agriculture industry, the ones who comprise it, and those who support it.

Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, with a total contribution of \$76 billion to the Kansas economy. The industry supports more than 256,000 jobs through direct, indirect and induced effect careers, or about 14% percent of the entire workforce in the state. Agriculture in Kansas is not just about growing crops and raising animals. The Kansas agricultural sector includes renewable energy production, food processing, research and education, agribusiness and more.

As we celebrate National Ag Day, we want to take the opportunity to say thank you to the farmers and ranchers who serve as the backbone of this industry, those who work in the ag industry to support them, and to the next generation in agriculture who will continue to push agriculture forward in the years to come.



### Podcast Pick of the Month

Author: Beef Cattle Institute at KSU

Topic: Scours, Niche Marketing Programs, and Mineral Needs

Check out this months Podcast Pick of the Month. Listen to Dr. Brad White, Dr. Phillip Lancaster, Dr. Dustin Pendell, Dr. Bob Larson, and Shelby Roberts discuss Scours, Niche Marketing Programs, and Mineral Needs. All you have to do is pull up your camera on your smart phone, point it towards the QR code, and click the link.

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# Time for Turnout

April 13<sup>th</sup> | 10am – 3pm | Minneapolis, KS

## Program Topics:

### **Weed Control & Woody Encroachment –**

*Keith Harmony, KSU* discusses sericea lespedeza, old world bluestem, and woody encroachment in KS



### **Matching Your Forage Resources to Livestock Needs**

– *Justin Waggoner, KSU* discusses forage quality vs. quantity, mineral options & decisions, changes in nutritional demands of beef cows

### **Grassland Management: A Producers Part –**

*Doug Spencer, NRCS* discusses how to calculate stocking rates & carrying capacity, soil moisture & quality, and effects of drought

**\$10**

### **Pasture Activity & Walk Through –**

*Doug Spencer, NRCS* will lead us through a pasture or two to assess soil moisture, plant vigor, using a grazing stick, plant quality and more

**Lunch  
Provided!**

Call 785-392-2147  
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Register by  
April 11<sup>th</sup>



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# Safe Tractor & Machinery Operation Training

This program is a collaboration with K-State Research and Extension Districts: Post Rock, Midway, Cottonwood, CKD, and River Valley.

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is designed for 14- and 15-year-olds seeking employment in production agriculture.

Core content areas include:

- Safety basics
- Agricultural hazards
- Tractors
- Connecting and using implements
- Materials handling

Students are certified after successfully passing a 50-question test at the training and doing both an operating skills test and a driving test administered by the employer.

## 2023 Course Dates & Locations

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Russell, KS  
Russell County 4-H Building

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Beloit, KS  
Carrico Implement

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Salina, KS  
Great Plains Manufacturing

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**MANUAL COST:** \$15 – Pick up at your local Extension Office

**BRING:** Your course manual and enrollment form. Pay and pick up your course manual at your local Extension Office. Please pick up your manual PRIOR to the course.

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Scan to register!



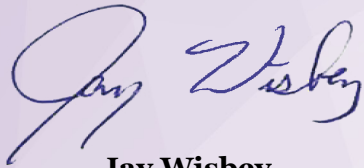
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