



**KRC Farm & Food Conference**  
**November 17 - 18, 2017**  
**Four Points Sheraton Hotel**  
**530 Richards Ave.**  
**Manhattan, Kansas 66502**

**Agenda Friday, November 17, Day 1**

- 8:00 am**      **Registration Opens, Light Breakfast**
- 9:00 am**      **Welcome and Introduction, Mary Fund, Executive Director**
- 9:10 am**      **Keynote: “What Can One Person Do? The Perspective of a Long-time Activist” Denise O’Brien, Iowa farm and community activist, founder of the Women Food and Agriculture Network, and chair of the Pesticide Action Network.**
- 10:15 am**     **Networking, Exhibits Open**

<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>Room I - Farmer to Farmer Forum</b>	<b>Room II/III - Future Farmers - Beginning Farmers - Family Transitions</b>	<b>Room IV - Farm Practices &amp; Marketing for Diversification</b>	<b>Room V - Conservation on the Farm &amp; Ranch; Building Diversity</b>	<b>Ballroom - Advocacy &amp; Organizing: Policy &amp; Community Food Solutions</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Creating a Depository of Local Honey Bee Strains/Sustainable Beekeeping - Leo Sharraskin, Drury, MO</b>	<b>Promoting Farmers Markets in Kansas - Janelle Dobbins &amp; Lexi Wright, From the Land of Kansas; Farmers Markets of Kaw Valley Representatives</b>	<b>The Future of Organic: An Overview of the Status of Organic Practices and Certification - Jack Geiger, Jackie Keller, Ed Reznicek</b>	<b>Building Resilience from the Ground Up: Conservation Practices and Cover Crops in Specialty Crop Production - Jim French, Tom Buller</b>	<b>A Dialogue of Opportunities &amp; Future Vision for Small Meat Farmers in Kansas - Natalie Fullerton, Schenker Family Farms; Dale Family Farms, KDA</b>

- Noon**            **Lunch featuring locally produced and sourced food**
- 12:30 pm**     **Introducing Fred Iutzi, The Land Institute**
- 1:00 pm**      **Plenary Session: “Recognizing the Adaptive Challenges of Defining Our Purpose, our values, our vision for the sake of our future”- Pastor Adrion Roberson, Faculty at the Kansas Leadership Center and co-pastor of Berean Community Church in Kansas City. Pastor Roberson will provide a discussion on how to communicate values and vision to those we do not agree with.**
- 2:00 pm**      **Break, Networking, Exhibits Open**

<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>Economics of Grazing and Haying Cover Crops - Josh Roe</b> <b>Diversifying/Intensifying Crop Rotations in Semiarid Environments - Strahinja Stepanovic</b>	<b>Defining Our Purpose, Values and Vision for the Sake of our Future - A Practical Application - Pastor Roberson</b>	<b>Adding Diversity on the Farm: Transitions to Specialty Crops or Other Enterprises - Jack Geiger, Paula Sims, Scott Thellman</b>	<b>Challenges of Addressing Spray Drift in Kansas - A Look at the KS Pesticide &amp; Noxious Weed Law - Zack Pistora, Paul Johnson, Denise O’Brien</b>	<b>Southwest Kansas: A Panel on the Region’s Agriculture, People and Food - Bertha Mendoza, Jonathan Aguilar, Charity Horinek</b>
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- 3:45 pm**      **Break, Networking, Exhibits Open**

<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Economics of Organic No-till Sweet Potatoes - Tom Buller</b> <b>How to Write a Successful Farmer/Rancher SARE Proposal - Kerri Ebert</b>	<b>So You Think You Want to Farm? Farming with Limited Resources. Jackie Keller, Ed Reznicek, Hank Will; Financial planning - Duane Hund</b>	<b>Specialty Crop Opportunities in Kansas - Lexi Wright, KDA, Kellen Liebsch, KDA Economist, Others TBA</b>	<b>Conservation Biological Control/Attracting Beneficial Insects to Your Farm - Jennifer Hopwood</b>	<b>Local Food Councils in Kansas: Addressing Food &amp; Health Equity in Our Communities - Missty Lechner, State-wide Food Council Policy Representatives</b>
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- 5:30 to 7:00 pm** **Social - Network with old and new friends over appetizers and a Kansas beer, wine or cocktail. Dinner on your own.**



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**Agenda Saturday, November 18, Day 2**

- 8:00 am**      **Registration Opens, Light Breakfast**
- 9:00 am**      **Welcome and Introduction, Mary Fund, Executive Director**
- 9:10 am**      **“The Past, Present, and Future of Sustainable Agriculture”- Ferd Hoefner, Senior Policy Advisor, National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition. Ferd will provide an overview of farm policy, on the ground successes, and work yet to be done to ensure a sustainable food and farming future.**
- 10:15 am**     **Networking, Exhibits Open**

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<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Climate, Health, and Resilience: Connections and Conversations - Rachel Myslivy, Dorothy Barnett</b>	<b>Share Your Story and Shape Policy: 2018 Farm Bill - Jim French, Anna Johnson</b>	<b>When Tyson comes to Town - Panelists: Don Stull, Laura Krebsbach invited</b>	<b>Increasing Biodiversity, Carbon and Forest Products in Your Woodlands - Bob Atchison, John DuPlissis,</b>	<b>Local food procurement in Kansas: Updates and Future Vision - Tina Khan, Rebecca McMahon, Rachael McGinnis-Millsap</b>

- Noon**            **Lunch featuring locally produced and sourced food**
- 12:30 pm**     **JohnElla Holmes, Kansas Black Farmers Association - Gil Alexander 1957 - 2017 Recognition**
- 1:00 pm**      **Panel on Diversity - “Diversity in Kansas: The People and Cultures of Food and Farming” Panelists: Bertha Mendoza, KSRE, Vladimir Mitton, Manager, New Roots for Refugees, Cultivate KC, and Johnella Holmes, Black Farmer’s Association**
- 2:00 pm**      **Break, Networking, Exhibits Open**

<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>Portable Grazing System for Goats on Invasive Weeds and Brush - Jody Holthaus</b> <b>Exploration of a Mobile Meat Marketing Unit - Rosanna Bauman</b>	<b>Communicating Before It’s Too Late - Smoothing Transitions in Your Family and Farm Partnerships - Forrest Buehler, Char Hinton, Charlie Griffin</b>	<b>How Agroecological Farming Practices Can Help Improve Crop Production and Grazing Systems and Create a More Resilient Future - Dr. Marcia DeLonge, Union of Concerned Scientists</b>	<b>Soil Health - Carbonomics: - Keith Burns, Green Cover Seed</b>	<b>2018 Kansas WEALTH (Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation and Health) Policy Preview - Zack Pistora, Paul Johnson, Dorothy Barnett, Rachel Myslivy</b>
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- 3:45 pm**      **Closing Remarks; Return Evaluations**
- 4:00 pm**      **Conference Ends**

Please note that the agenda may change slightly between now and the conference. We will post updates on the KRC website: [www.kansasruralcenter.org](http://www.kansasruralcenter.org).

**Hotel rooms at Four points by Sheraton available at a discounted rate of \$99 for conference participants, the same hotel as the conference. To reserve a room call (888) 627-8649. Request the group rate for “Kansas Rural Center Farm and Food Conference.”**