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Beginning Farmer/Rancher

The Kansas Rural Center invites beginning farmers and ranchers searching for information on access to credit and capital to join a phone call Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7:00pm. The call will focus on known sources of access and tips on how to prepare for applying for credit.

Participants on the call will be invited to share their experiences and challenges to better understand what resources and help are needed in Kansas.

Rosanna Bauman, farm manager of Cedar Valley Farms in Garnett, KS, will moderate the call. With much experience in financing her own farm, Rosanna brings a perspective of successfully gaining capital to grow her farm. Also joining the call will be Duane Hund with KSU's Farm Analyst Program and Rebecca Floyd with the Kansas Development Finance Authority.

KRC is researching challenges that are reported by beginning farmers, including access to capital, equipment and land, or pricing and marketing. Funding for this research and education project is provided by Farm Aid.

To participate in the call, please visit www.kansasruralcenter.org to sign up and receive the call number or contact Natalie Fullerton at nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org, or 402-310-0177.

Calls will also be held September 26 and October 24 and will focus on other beginning farmer and rancher challenges such as pricing and marketing, and transitioning to certified organic. In addition, information for beginning farmers, and landowners who may be interested in meeting them, will be offered at KRC's annual Farm & Food Conference Saturday, November 2, 2013 in Newton, KS.

The Kansas Rural Center is a non-profit organization that since 1979 has promoted the long term health of the land and its people through research, education and advocacy that advances economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming systems. Beginning farmer and rancher support has been a long term core value KRC continues to cultivate.

More information about this call and other upcoming opportunities are available at www.kansasruralcenter.org. Or, please contact Project Coordinator, Natalie Fullerton at nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org, or 402-310-0177.