

Free Kansas NRCS Organic Workshops

Organic farming is one of the fastest growing segments of agriculture. What is organic farming? What does it take to be certified organic? How do I market what I produce? This workshop is open to those with an interest in organic systems.

Kansas NRCS Organic Workshop Details



Featured Speakers

Ben Bowell, Organic Education Specialist, Oregon Tilth
Candy J. Thomas, Regional Soil Health Specialist, NRCS
Mark A. Janzen, Natural Resource Specialist, NRCS
Representatives from Kansas Organic Producers Association

Topics covered will include:

- Organic system overview
- Organic certification process
- Soil health and fertility
- Organic livestock
- Marketing
- Financial opportunities
- Organic producer panel

Click on the links for more details.

March 20, 2018 [Kansas Organic Workshop - Colby](#)

March 21, 2018 [Kansas Organic Workshop - McPherson](#)

March 22, 2018 [Kansas Organic Workshop - Lawrence](#)

The workshop is free. A catered lunch is available for \$10 per person. Participants may also bring a sack lunch.

More information about organics

[Kansas NRCS Resources and Contacts](#)



[Watch this video to learn more about healthy soil.](#)

NRCS can help farmers and ranchers with a number of conservation practices that build healthy soil.

The National Organic Initiative, funded through the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#), is a voluntary conservation program that provides technical and financial assistance for organic farmers and ranchers, or those interested in transitioning to organic.



NRCS can help organic producers improve their operations or help producers transition to organic using a conservation plan tailored to their needs.

Martin Luther King Jr. stated, “Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?’”



Left to Right: Russ Warner, Tammy Nichols, Sharron Sheilds, Malcolm Jones, Stacy Kull, Julie Hibdon, and Lisa Davis

The Franklin County NRCS, FSA, and Farm Loans employees assisted East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation (ECKAN) in Ottawa, KS with a service project.

The employees assisted with assembling and giving out agricultural produce to families in the community donated from local grocery stores. ECKAN's vision is to eliminate poverty in ECKAN's service area through individual and organizational dedication, collaboration, and innovation.

There was over 6000 lbs of food distributed to Franklin County residents. Each employee volunteered 2 to 4 hours of their time contributing to USDA's Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service.

This was a great way to honor Martin Luther King Jr. by serving and lending a helping hand to the Franklin County community in collaboration with ECKAN.



Through CStP, NRCS helps private landowners build their business while implementing conservation practices that help ensure the sustainability of their entire operation. Sign-up today!

News Release: [Applications must be received by March 2, 2018 to be considered for this funding period.](#)

CIG is a program to spur the development and adoption of innovative conservation practices and technologies. \$200,000 will be awarded for 2018.

In general, CIG funds pilot projects, field demonstrations, and on-farm conservation projects that gather statistical data on conservation practices that can be done using typical farm equipment.



News Release: [NRCS Accepting Applications for Conservation Innovation Grants Until April 13, 2018](#)

Kansas NRCS Job Vacancy



Open & closing dates: 02/23/2018 to 03/01/2018

Salary: \$73,375 to \$105,731 per year

Pay scale & grade: GS 12

Work schedule: Full-Time

Appointment type: Permanent

Apply

"...serves as a District Conservationist assisting the Conservation Districts within the managerial unit, consisting of one or more counties or districts, in the development of a comprehensive natural resources conservation program.

The incumbent performs expert professional duties to achieve an integrated system of

sound land use and conservation treatment in harmony with the capability and needs of the land and landowner. "

[More Job Information](#)



More Conservation News

[Hope for Heroes: How Farming Is Helping Veterans Find Purpose](#) - Modern Farmer

[Hold Water in the Soil](#) - Successful Farming

Integrating No-Till, Cover Crops, and Cattle Help Soil Hold Rain Where it Falls

Featuring the Reimers who were named Soil Health Champions by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Kansas Educational Events and Demonstrations *For Producers, Lifelong Learners, and Ag Innovators*

- March 08** **[Riley County Soil Health Workshop](#)**
- March 15** **[Douglas County Conservation District Soil Health & Cover Crop Field Day](#)**
- March 20** **[Kansas Organic Workshop - Colby](#)**
- March 21** **[Kansas Organic Workshop - McPherson](#)**
- March 22** **[Kansas Organic Workshop - Lawrence](#)**
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- April 11** **[Four Seasons of Grazing Workshop #3](#)**
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- June 19-22** **[Kansas Range Youth Camp](#)** (Register by May 15)

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Event Showcase



Kansas Range Youth Camp

"The camp was first held in 1960 and is continuing to educate youth about the importance of Kansas rangelands to this day.

The camp is designed to give students a basic understanding of the principles of rangeland ecology, including plant physiology, plant identification, ecological sites, range condition, and trends."



Find out more about how Kansas NRCS can help you.

Information about financial assistance, soil health, agricultural and wetland easements, plus more.

Visit the Kansas NRCS website

This factsheet (pdf) provides summary information on what Kansas NRCS obligated on programs such as EQIP, watershed projects, and general information about Kansas NRCS.

Kansas NRCS fact sheet



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