

## Olathe Local Food Producers Workshop Agenda

February 6, 2026

K-State Olathe

22201 W Innovation Dr, Olathe, KS 66061

Time	Location	Topic	Speaker
8:30 - 9:00		Registration	
9:00 - 9:10	Forum Hall	Welcome & Housekeeping	Manreet Bhullar Cary Rivard
9:10 - 10:00	Forum Hall	<b>Keynote:</b> Grower Stories: Journeys & Insights	Alicia Ellingsworth (KC Farm School) Rick Mareske (U-Pick Blueberry Operation)
10:00 - 10:15	Forum Hall	From the Land of Kansas Updates	From the Land of Kansas Staff
<b>Breakout 1</b>			
10:25 - 11:15	Forum Hall	Integrating Solar Energy on the Farm	Cary Rivard and guest farmers
	Great Plains	Ask the Inspector – KDA Inspectors share about typical inspections with Q & A	KDA Inspectors, Adam Inman, Manreet Bhullar
<b>Breakout 2</b>			
11:25 - 12:15	Forum Hall	Removing Barriers for a Successful Farmers Market	Renee Bryant Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
	Great Plains	Building a Finance Management System that Works for Your Food and Farm Business	Lori Trojan, Wild Ivy Herb Farm
<b>Lunch</b> – Provided with Registration (Bistro)			
<b>Breakout 3</b>			
1:10 - 2:00	Forum Hall	Navigating the Agritourism Journey: Insights from Kansas Producers	Mia Reyes, Graduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Communications & Ag Education, K-State
	Great Plains	Product Labeling	Karen Blakeslee, Jenny Doty
<b>Breakout 4</b>			
2:10- 3:00	Forum Hall	Small Producer Poultry Processing Challenges	KDA Meat & Poultry Inspection
	Great Plains	Produce Safety Updates and Technology Lending Program	Manreet Bhullar
<b>Break</b>			
<b>Breakout 5</b>			
3:10 - 4:00	Forum Hall	Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Training*	Courtney Koenig KDHE
	Great Plains	Incubator Kitchen and Campus Tour	Manreet Bhullar, Jenny Doty

\* The Annual Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (KSFMNP) training is required for all new farmers. Returning farmers are welcome to attend a training or review the training materials on our website. The training will cover rules and regulations of the program, program updates, the yearly *Authorized Farmer Agreement* paperwork, and Civil Rights training as required to participate as a farmer in KSFMNP. Visit our website for the farmer agreement and additional information <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1048/Farmers-Growers>.

**All farmers wishing to participate must submit an *Authorized Farmer Agreement* by June 1, 2026.**

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