

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	Keynote: 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
Breakout 1			
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
Breakout 2			
11:25 – 12:15	Forum Hall	Removing Barriers for a Successful Farmers Market	Renee Bryant Johnson County Department of Health and Environment
	Great Plains	Managing Your Finances on a Shoestring Budget	Lori Trojan, Wild Ivy Herb Farm
Lunch – Provided with Registration (Bistro)			
Breakout 3			
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
Breakout 4			
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
Break			
Breakout 5			
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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