About This Role: Live Well Geary County in partnership with K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems is seeking a Local Food Fellow to complete the local food system project. Geary County Food System Plan, Goal 2: farmers, food, entrepreneurs, and food chain workers thrive in our local economy. The goal of this project is to create a catalog of local food producers, get to know the local producer’s story, and help promote their business.

Location: This full-time, eight-week fellowship will run from June 3 – July 26, 2024.

This is an in-person position located at: Live Well Geary County Office (Junction City), with hybrid option of working remotely.

Responsibilities:

- Create a catalog/list of local food producers or sellers.
- Connect with producers and sellers to determine which USDA programs they are involved in (Double-Up Food Bucks, Healthy RX, Senior Vouchers, etc.)
- Create a summary for each producer.
- Follow a local food producer around their farm/or area of work and video document what makes them successful and challenges they face.
- Create a success and challenges story that will be included on the Live Well Geary County and local KSRE website.
- Complete final report to be submitted to K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems Program Coordinator before finishing fellowship time period.

Why Join Us: LWGC is a non-profit organization organized to inspire and advance policy, system, and environmental changes to make it easier for Geary County residents to lead healthier lives. The LWGC coalition has amazing members who are passionate about improving the health of the community. LWGC has built relationships with local and state health agencies and city and county government. With the help of partnerships and volunteers, LWGC manages many initiatives to improve community health such as the Geary Community Farmer’s Market, Healthy Together Senior Community Meals, Healthy Food Prescription, and the Food Policy Council. Working with LWGC is a great way to learn more about food systems and PSE work while making great connections and meeting new people.

For more information about K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems, please visit [http://www.kansaslocalfoods.org/](http://www.kansaslocalfoods.org/)
We Support Diversity and Inclusion:

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What You’ll Need to Succeed:

Minimum Qualifications:

- Hourly student employees must be a KSU student and, during the period of appointment, must be enrolled in at least one credit hour at KSU during the summer session. (Enrollment is not required during the summer session for those enrolled in at least six credit hours at KSU during the preceding spring semester or for those pre-enrolled in the upcoming fall in at least 6 credit hours or for those admitted to study in the upcoming fall.)
- Hourly student employees must be at least 16 years old.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups and through mass media and social media.
- Possess computer skills including email, internet, and Microsoft Office Programs.
- Agriculture or Food System knowledge.
- Be self-sufficient and productively work alone.
- Have reliable transportation.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working with individuals, groups, and co-workers to accomplish individual and/or group goals, as evidenced by previous leadership roles.
- Experience working with diverse audiences.
- Working knowledge of creating video and uploading video content.

Other Requirements:

- Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.

How to Apply:

Please submit the following documents to Amanda Lindahl, K-State Local Food System Program Coordinator, alindahl@ksu.edu and Susan Jagerson, livewellgearycounty@gmail.com:

1. Letter of interest
2. Resume

Screening of Applications Begins: January 2, 2024

Anticipated Hiring Hourly Rate: $17.00 / hr.

Equal Employment Opportunity:

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