

January 2026 Town Hall Links

Intro: <https://www.k-state.edu/kansaslocalfoods>

KSRE Local Food Systems Email Newsletter: <https://bit.ly/KSLocalFoods>

Double Up Protein Bucks

- <https://www.lawrencefarmersmarket.org/use-snap-at-market>
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The Table We Share Documentary

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_weTsfGzSUg



State Food Policy Council update

<https://www.ksfoodactionnetwork.org/the-kansas-food-policy-council>

Upcoming Events:

Local Food Producer Workshops:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/kansaslocalfoods/get-involved/workshops.html>

Foods Sold Directly to Consumers Guide: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3138.pdf>

National Farmers Market Survey: CANR.MSU.EDU/NFMS

Other Links shared during Announcements:

- National Rural Grocery Summit Registration Open:
<https://www.ruralgrocery.org/summit/register/>
 - Be sure to register by **March 15, 2026** to take advantage of early bird pricing!
 - Ride the Bus to the National Rural Grocery Summit:
<https://www.ruralgrocery.org/summit/travel-support/>
- Emily Lysen: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1BX54LFLiN/> (Kaw Valley Seed Fair - February 14th!)
- Brien Darby: If you're in the Kansas City area on February 7th, please join us for some or all of the 21st Annual Farmers and Friends Meeting!
<https://www.cultivatekc.org/events/2026-annual-farmers-friends-meeting/>
- Nick Levendofsky: <https://www.kansasfarmersunion.org/employment> (KFU hiring a position for Homegrown Prosperity Grant)
- Tom Buller: <https://kansasruralcenter.org/food-and-farm-conference>
- Brittney Grother: The USDA Rural Development has opened the application window for their Value-Added Producer Grants. The Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program helps U.S. agricultural producers enter into value-added activities that generate new products from raw agricultural commodities, create and expand marketing opportunities, and increase producer income through enhanced product value and market reach. More information here: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants/ks>
- Brittney Grother: The Kansas Department of Agriculture is seeking input from the specialty crop industry and its stakeholders to determine funding priorities for the upcoming Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Tek the survey here:
<https://fs22.formsite.com/KansasDeptAg/SCBG26/index>.
- Clara Misenhelter: KHFI predevelopment TA grant, deadline 2/27/26,
<https://www.kansashealthyfood.org/programdetails/assistance/>
- Emily Lysen: LFM Vendor applications are open for 2026:
<https://www.lawrencefarmersmarket.org/lawrence-farmers-market-application> (vendors and community booths)