

## Olathe Local Food Producers Workshop Agenda

February 6, 2026

K-State Olathe

22201 W Innovation Dr, Olathe, KS 66061

Time	Location	Topic	Speaker
<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>		Registration	
<b>9:00 - 9:10</b>	Forum Hall	Welcome & Housekeeping	Manreet Bhullar Cary Rivard
<b>9:10 – 10:00</b>	Forum Hall	<b>Keynote:</b> Grower Stories: Journeys & Insights	Alicia Ellingsworth (KC Farm School) Rick Mareske (The Garden at Dogwood Forest)
10:00 – 10:15	Forum Hall	From the Land of Kansas Updates	From the Land of Kansas Staff
<b>Breakout 1</b>			
<b>10:25 – 11:15</b>	Forum Hall	Grower Panel: Solar-powered Irrigation Systems	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>			
<b>11:25 – 12:15</b>	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
<b>Lunch – Provided with Registration (Bistro)</b>			
<b>Breakout 3</b>			
<b>1:10 - 2:00</b>	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>			
<b>2:10- 3:00</b>	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>			
<b>3:10 – 4:00</b>	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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