

# Agriculture

## CENTRAL KANSAS EXTENSION DISTRICT NEWS

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**December 2017**

### Upcoming Events

#### December

- 19** Farming for the Future,  
Salina

#### January

- 3** Calving School, Concordia  
**8** K-State Corn Production  
School, Hesston  
**11–12** K-State Farm Financial  
Workshops, Salina  
**23** K-State Soybean Produc-  
tion School, Salina

#### February

- 6** Winter Ranch Manage-  
ment Townhall, Beloit  
**7** K-State Sorghum produc-  
tion School, Hutchinson  
**8** Agronomy Coffee shop  
Meetings, 10 a.m. Mentor  
& 1:30 p.m. Minneapolis  
**22** Agronomy Coffee shop  
Meetings, 10 a.m. Mentor  
& 1:30 p.m. Minneapolis  
**28** K-State Prescribed Burn  
School, Salina

#### March

- 2** Agronomy Coffee Shop  
Meeting, 9 a.m.—noon,  
Salina

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## K-State Corn Production School at Hesston

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

**AGCO Building  
420 W. Lincoln  
Hesston, KS**

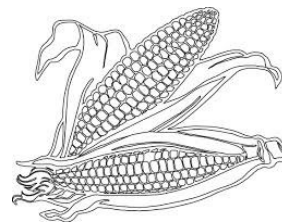
The school is free to attend thanks to the generous support of DuPont Pioneer and Kansas Corn. Lunch is included, so please pre-register by January 2 online at: <http://kscorn.com/Cornschoo/> or contact Ryan Flaming, Harvey County Extension office, [flaming@ksu.edu](mailto:flaming@ksu.edu) 316-284-6930.

#### Schedule

8:45 a.m. Registration, coffee  
9:00 a.m. Program begins  
12 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored by Kansas Corn and DuPont Pioneer  
2:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### Topics include:

Weed control  
Production management  
Nutrient management  
Insect and disease update  
Planter technology update  
Corn marketing and price update



**Merry Christmas**



**Happy New Year**

# K-State Soybean Production School at Salina

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**  
**Webster Conference Center**  
**2601 North Ohio Salina, KS**



The school is free to attend and lunch will be provided courtesy of the Kansas Soybean Commission and is also being supported by Channel Seeds. Participants are asked to **pre-register by January 17.**

Online registration is available at:  
**<http://bit.ly/2jCFS6V>** or by contacting Tom Maxwell, Central Kansas District, [tmaxwell@ksu.edu](mailto:tmaxwell@ksu.edu) or 785-309-5850.

## Schedule

8:45 a.m. Registration, coffee  
9:00 a.m. Program begins  
12:00 p.m. Lunch - Sponsored by Kansas Soybean Commission and Channel Seeds  
2:00 p.m. Adjourn

## Topics:

- Soybean for risk management
- Planting management: High yielding management factors
- Nutrient and soil fertility management
- Weed control strategies
- Disease and insect management

## Agronomy “Coffee Shop” Meetings

The Central Kansas Extension District will be hosting a series of three Agronomy “Coffee Shop” meetings in February and early –

March on topics of interest to area farmers. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join us for some coffee and cookies in an informal setting. No RSVP needed, just come as you are.

## Thursday, February 8, 2018

Speaker: Dallas Peterson, K-State Extension weed management specialist

10:00 a.m – Mentor Fire Station, Mentor, KS

1:30 p.m. – Ottawa County Courthouse basement, Minneapolis, KS

Topics: The Dicamba Conundrum: Xtend Soybeans and Dicamba Drift Issues in 2017; Herbicide update- what’s new for row crops and wheat; and dealing with ongoing herbicide resistance issues.

## Thursday, February 22, 2018

Speaker: Jeff Whitworth, K-State Extension crop entomologist

10:00 a.m. - Mentor Fire Station, Mentor, KS

1:30 p.m. - Ottawa County Courthouse basement, Minneapolis, KS

Topics: The Sugar Cane Aphid in sorghum in 2017; review of 2017 crop insect problems; 2018 insect control recommendations for wheat, row crops and alfalfa.

## Friday, March 2, 2018

Speaker: Ignacio Ciampitti, K-State Extension crop production and cropping systems specialist

9:00 a.m. – noon- American Ag Credit basement meeting room, Salina

Topics: On-Farm Research results from local farms; field information that satellite imagery can provide, and processing satellite imagery for practical use in crop production.

## **CKD-Salina Office has Moved**

Happy New Year! Out with the old and in with the new!

The CKD-Salina office moved from the City-County Building to the K-State Polytechnic campus in December. Our new address is 2218 Scanlan Ave.

To get to the new office, from Centennial Ave. go west on Tony's Rd to Scanlan Ave., then south on Scanlan Ave. to our office which is in the old Science Center. If you need a landmark, we are just west across Scanlan Ave. from the softball field and concession stand, which has a bright purple roof.

The link below will take you to a K-State Polytechnic campus map. We are in building #13 listed as the Science Center.

**<https://polytechnic.k-state.edu/admissions/CampusMap.pdf>**

Our phone number is still the same. If you get lost trying to find us, give us a call or send up a flare and we will come get you! Stop by and see us at our new office.



## **Swan Song**

**By Anthony N. Ruiz**

### **Livestock Extension Agent**

Swans have long been looked upon favorably by humans. Ancient Greeks attributed great respect to these creatures as being personally created by Apollos in their mythology. In modern times beauty and elegance has become synonymous with swans through fables such as "The Ugly Duckling" and Tchaikovsky's well known ballet "Swan Lake." Despite a seemingly regal appearance while on water their song is etched into our lexicon as signaling the end.

On December 15, 2017 the turkey writing this article will sing his swan song as Livestock Extension Agent in Central Kansas District, CKD. Recently, I have accepted an offer to serve as Professional Development Officer with Kansas Farm Management Association, KFMA, based in Manhattan, Kansas. Having seen first hand the excellent work and deep care KFMA Agricultural Economists perform it was tremendously humbling receiving the invitation to serve Kansas agricultural producers in slightly different manner.

Just like "Swan Lake", my time at CKD spans four acts, or just over four years. Starting on April 1st, 2013, the CKD extension board and livestock raisers placed their faith in me. That is something I do not take lightly. It has been a tremendous period of learning from each of y'all, growing friendships, and walking side by side to enhance your operations. The relationships and memories from these four plus years will forever remain with me and continue to positively impact my life.

As I migrate to a new nesting site just east of here our flight paths will surely intersect frequently. In the future change will occur for both CKD and myself. I encourage each of y'all to continue being the salt of the earth people that I know and respect. When the new Livestock Agent hatches their career here get to know them, take them under your wing, and develop them from a duckling into a glorious swan that enhances their surroundings. Until then, Carl Garten will be happy as a lark answering your livestock questions at 785-309-5850 or [cgarten@ksu.edu](mailto:cgarten@ksu.edu).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It has been life changing. So long friends. I'll fly away....

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The enclosed material is for your information. If we can be of further assistance, feel free to call or drop by the Extension Office.

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