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2025

Upcoming Events

August

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| 21st | Larson Ranch
Field Day |
| 27th | Sorghum Bavaria
Field Day |
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Day |

September

10th-11 Cow Camp 2025

Cow Camp 2025 prepares women to lead in cattle industry

HAYS, Kan.-In the cattle industry, experience matters-but for many women gaining that hands-on experience can be a challenge. Whether they've married into an operation, desire a career in beef production systems, or are trying to start their own herd from scratch, women often find themselves expected to help manage livestock without having been taught how. That gap in access to training and support is what Cow Camp 2025 aims to close. Cow Camp 2025, a hands-on educational experience for women in beef production, will be held Sept. 10-11 at the Kansas State University's Agricultural Research Center in Hays. The program is designed to help women build practical skills in cattle management, grow their confidence, and take a stronger role in the workforce shaping the future of Kansas agriculture.

"This is workforce development in the most grounded, impactful way," said Sandy Johnson, K-State Research and Extension beef specialist. "We're meeting women where they are and equipping them with the tools they need to succeed in an industry that depends on smart decisions and shared leadership."

Cow Camp offers workshops on body condition scoring, calving preparation and simulator training, expected progeny differences (EPDs), vaccine handling, forage sampling, pasture monitoring and more. The program is tailored to women who are managing a first herd, helping with a family operation, or entering the industry from the ground up. "This event is about capacity building," said Emma Briggs, KSRE beef production specialist. "It's about giving women the skills, support and access to research-based information they need to contribute meaningfully to their operations and the broader beef industry. That's what the land-grant mission is all about-bringing the university to the people and investing in rural communities."

As the cattle industry evolves, more women are stepping into decision-making roles on farms and ranches. Yet many report limited access to training and peer support-particularly in rural areas. Cow Camp addresses that gap through a supportive, no-pressure environment where participants can ask questions, try new techniques and connect with others facing similar challenges.

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“We’re not just teaching skills—we’re building confidence and community,” Johnson said. “And that’s what keeps women in agriculture long term.”

K-State Research and Extension developed Cow Camp in response to growing demand for educational opportunities that reflect the realities of western Kansas agriculture. The program supports both beginning and experienced producers and reinforces the university’s commitment to practical, inclusive outreach as part of its land-grant heritage. The event is limited to 40 participants. Registration is \$75 and includes meals, materials and all workshop sessions.

Event Details: This event will be held from Noon to Noon Sept. 10-11 and will be located at the KSU Western Kansas Research and Extension Center. The deadline to register for this event is Aug. 10. For more information visit ksre.k-state.edu/wkrec or contact wkrec@k-state.edu

2025 Bavaria Field Day



MANHATTAN, Kan. (July 15, 2025) – The Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, K-State Department of Plant Pathology, and K-State Extension will host the 2025 Sorghum Connection field day series in August. The series will showcase current research on fungicides and seed treatment, hybrid performance, cropping systems, fertility management, and hands-on precision ag techniques with drone technology for mapping and spraying applications through a statewide lineup of speakers and on-farm demonstrations. Lunch will be provided following the program. The events are free, but to ensure your meal, registration is required at www.ksgrainsorghum.org/sorghum-connection.

“At each location, sorghum producers will find practical insights rooted in real data,” said Rodrigo Onofre, assistant professor of agronomy at Kansas State University. “We’ve built this series around producer interests—covering everything from hybrid and input selection to regional management strategies and on-farm technology adoption.” Speakers include Adam York, administrator for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission; Sarah Sexton-Bowser, managing director for the Center for Sorghum Improvement; Deepak Joshi, K-State assistant professor of precision agriculture; and agronomists Tina Sullivan, Logan Simon, and Rodrigo Onofre.

Bavaria Field Day, held in conjunction with producer Alex Bacon – Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.
(1½ miles west of Bavaria, then ¾ mile north on South Powers Road)

2025 Central Kansas District Wheat Plot Results

Brand	Variety	Tom & Pat Ryan Solomon, KS				Myers Family Wheat Plot Minneapolis, KS		
		Planted: October 20, 2024				Planted: October 18, 2023		
		Bu/Acre	% of Avg	Tst Wgt	Protein	Bu/Acre	% of Avg	Tst Wgt
AGSECO	Golden	72.7	106%	56.3	10.4	50.9	102%	50.3
LCS	Atomic AX	74.7	109%	57.3	11.1	52.1	104%	53.0
LCS	Helix AX	74.6	108%	58.3	12.1			
LCS	Runner	59.2	86%	57.0	10.5	46.7	93%	53.1
OGL	Double Stop CL+	62.2	90%	57.0	11.9	46.4	93%	53.8
OGL	Showdown	68.8	100%	55.7	10.2	51.7	103%	49.7
Phillips	PS 1985	72.2	105%	57.3	10.9	49.0	98%	52.3
Polansky	Golden Hawk	56.9	88%	56.9	11.0			
Polansky	Rockstar	76.1	111%	56.1	11.2	56.6	113%	49.7
Syngenta	Bigfoot	62.4	91%	57.4	10.6	52.2	104%	51.5
Syngenta	Monument	60.9	89%	56.3	10.6	44.7	89%	49.2
Syngenta	Prolific	56.2	82%	57.3	10.7	54.1	108%	50.3
Syngenta	Wolverine	67.9	99%	56.3	10.6	64.3	128%	48.4
WestBred	WB4347	66.3	96%	57.3	10.5	51.5	103%	51.5
WestBred	WB4401	77.5	113%	55.9	10.4	49.9	99%	49.4
WestBred	WB4422	71.9	105%	58.1	10.6	58.1	116%	52.0
WestBred	WB4445CLP	74.1	107%	57.7	10.4	51.1	102%	52.9
WestBred	WB4523					47.4	94%	48.4
WestBred	WB4699	61.6	90%	56.8	10.6			
KWA	Bill Snyder	82.1	119%	57.3	10.8	70.0	139%	54.0
KWA	Mako	71.0	103%	56.3	10.8	50.4	100%	52.8
KWA	Providence	72.2	105%	57.3	10.3	54.9	109%	50.8
KWA	Western Star					51.6	103%	52.2
Plot Average		68.8				50.2		
	Previous Crop and Tillage System	Soybeans Conventional				Alfalfa Conventional		
	Fertilizer	Starter 40-40-0-5S Preplant 40 lbs N Top-dressed				20N 40Phos 40 N and Finesse		
	Seeding Rate	75 lbs/acre						
	Foliar Fungicide	No Fungicide				No Fungicide		

All yields adjusted to 12.5% moisture.

The results presented here are from unreplicated demonstration plots.

For replicated research plot results farmers will want to study the

K-State Wheat Performance Test Results available on the web

<https://www.agronomy.k-state.edu/services/crop-performance-tests/winter-wheat/index.html>

Special Thanks to: the Myers Family Tim and Ryan; Tom and Pat Ryan for planting and harvesting plots.



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Wisbey Plot 110th and Bell Rd Southern Cloud County					
Brand	Variety	Bu/ACRE	% of Avg	Tst Wght	Protein
OGI	OGI Showdown	104.3	114%	57.1	10.7
Polansky	Pol Rockstar	100.4	110%	57.7	10.5
KWA	KWA Providence	88.0	96%	58.7	10.5
KWA	KWA Western Star	93.8	103%	59.5	10.3
WestBred	WB 4422	103.0	113%	59.6	10.3
WestBred	WB 4347	97.2	106%	58.3	10.4
WestBred	WB 4401	94.2	103%	58.2	10.4
WestBred	WB 4445 CLP	93.1	102%	57.4	9.9
WestBred	WB 4523	87.9	96%	57	9.6
WestBred	WB 4699	97.1	106%	57.7	9.6
Phillips	PS 1985	97.6	107%	57.5	9.2
AGSECO	AG Golden	99.6	109%	57.6	9.8
LCS	LCS Atomic AX	83.9	92%	58	10.3
LCS	LCS Warbird AX	87.0	95%	58	10.3
Syngenta	SY Wolverine	83.1	91%	57.9	10.5
Syngenta	AP Prolific	91.3	100%	57.9	10.9
Syngenta	SY Monument	84.9	93%	57.7	10.4
Syngenta	AP Bigfoot	86.9	95%	58.6	10.2
KWA	KWA Bill Snyder	91.1	100%	58.4	10.3
KWA	KWA Mako	93.1	102%	57.6	10.2
KWA	KWA Providence	80.2	88%	58.1	10.2
KWA	KWA Western Star	83.0	91%	58.2	10.2
WestBred	WB 4422	87.6	96%	56.9	10.5
Polansky	Pol Rockstar	87.0	95%	56.1	10.2
OGI	OGI Showdown	90.2	99%	56.8	9.6
Plot Average		91.2			
	Previous Crop and Tillage System	Wheat No Fungicide Confirmed Late WSM			
	Fertilizer	Conventional Tillage			
	Seeding Rate	80 N 30 Phos 10 Sulfur 75Lbs October 4th plant date			

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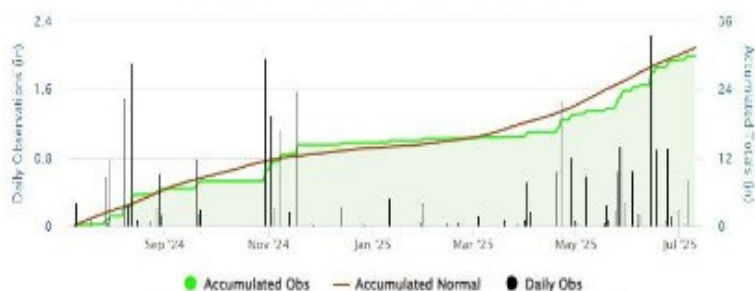
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Assaria, Kansas Dryland Winter Wheat Variety Trial, 2024-2025

Private farm, Assaria, Saline County, 38.69606122, -97.5944195

Planted 10/15/2024
 Previous crop wheat
 Primary tillage minimum-till
 Irrigation none
 Harvested 6/20/2025
 Fertility 105-35-0-10-10 lbs/a
 N, P, K, S, Cl
 Soil texture silt loam
 OM % 2.2
 pH 5.8

Gypsum 365 Day Accumulated Precipitation



BRAND	NAME	YIELD (bu/a)	PAVG (%)	TW (lb/bu)	MOIST (%)
AgriPro	AP Bigfoot	65.1	89.0	55.3	8.6
AgriPro	AP Prolific	78.1	106.8	56.4	8.8
AgriPro	AP Sunbird	76.5	104.6	56.9	9.5
AgriPro	AP24 AX	77.2	105.5	55.2	8.7
KWA	KS Ahearn	64.6	88.3	55.1	8.1
KWA	KS Bill Snyder	77.3	105.7	57.4	9.2
KWA	KS Mako	71.9	98.3	56.8	8.7
KWA	KS Providence	79.0	108.1	56.6	9.1
Limagrain	LCS Atomic AX	70.9	97.0	57.2	9.1
Limagrain	LCS Helix AX	75.7	103.5	57.6	9.6
Limagrain	LCS Radar	71.0	97.1	55.4	8.2
Limagrain	LCS Runner	68.5	93.7	56.2	8.8
Limagrain	LCS Steel AX	70.1	95.9	56.9	9.4
Limagrain	LCS Warbird AX	68.1	93.1	56.6	9.3
OGL	Doublestop CL+	63.0	86.1	58.8	10.0
OGL	High Cotton	77.8	106.4	57.2	9.1
OGL	Showdown	75.8	103.7	55.5	8.6
PlainsGold	Canvas	73.4	100.4	57.5	9.8
PlainsGold	CO19410R	69.7	95.3	56.9	9.1
PlainsGold	CO19D087R	75.1	102.7	55.0	8.4
PlainsGold	Crescent AX	71.0	97.1	57.4	9.5
PlainsGold	Kivari AX	77.6	106.2	56.1	9.0
PlainsGold	Sheridan	71.8	98.2	57.2	9.9
Polansky	Golden Hawk	79.4	108.5	56.6	9.2
Polansky	Rockstar	76.7	104.9	55.3	8.4
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WestBred	WB4699	72.5	99.2	55.4	8.6
WestBred	WB4422	77.1	105.5	57.5	9.4
Phillips	PS Elevate	82.2	112.5	58.0	9.3
	Average	73.1	100.0	56.6	9.1
	CV (%)	7.1	7.1	1.0	0.7
	LSD (0.05)	5.2	7.0	1.0	0.5
	Heritability	0.8	--	--	--

Yields must differ by more than the LSD value to be considered statistically different.

Top LSD group in bold.

KSU/KLA Ranch Management Field Days

Posted on June 30, 2025 by Sandy Johnson

Dates have been set for the 2025 KLA/Kansas State University Ranch Management Field Days. Larson Ranch, owned by Brady and Kyla Larson, will host the first event August 21 in Wichita County. The August 28 field day will be held in Woodson County at Wells Ranch, owned by Terry Wells. Please mark your calendars for this year's events.

Each event will begin at 3:30 p.m. and include presentations on the history of the host ranch tours and their cattle handling facilities. At Larson Ranch, we will be joined by Dale Woerner with Texas Tech University, who will share his research on yield grading technology, as well as Brian Vander Ley with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Michael Heaton with the USDA, who will discuss bovine congestive heart failure in feedlot cattle. At Wells Ranch, we will be joined by A.J. Tarpoff, DVM, with Kansas State University, who will share information on the Asian longhorned tick and transmission of *Theileria orientalis*, as well as Wade Newland of Newland Ag Drones and a representative from the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition who will highlight resources available for controlling noxious weeds in grazing lands and provide a spray drone demonstration. Both events are free and will conclude with fellowship and a beef dinner. More information will be posted <https://www.kla.org/events-meetings/klak-state-field-days> as it becomes available.

Please join us for one or both of these exciting events-you do not have to be a KLA member to attend.



The poster features a background image of a vast, flat grassy field under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. At the top left is the Kansas Livestock Association logo, which includes a map of Kansas. At the top right is the K-State Research and Extension logo, featuring a purple and white circular emblem. The main title "2025 RANCH MANAGEMENT FIELD DAYS" is written in bold red capital letters. Below this, the phrase "SAVE THE DATES" is prominently displayed in large, bold black capital letters. To the right of this text, two event details are listed, each preceded by a red location pin icon. The first event is on "AUGUST 21" at "Larson Ranch" in "Wichita County". The second event is on "AUGUST 28" at "Wells Ranch" in "Woodson County". At the bottom of the poster, the text "Sponsored by:" is followed by three logos: the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas logo (a green four-pointed star), and the Huvepharma logo (a green circular emblem with dots).

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2025 RANCH MANAGEMENT FIELD DAYS

SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST 21
Larson Ranch
Wichita County

AUGUST 28
Wells Ranch
Woodson County

Sponsored by:

FARM CREDIT
ASSOCIATIONS OF KANSAS

HUVEPHARMA

Presents:

Wheat Preplant Meeting

August 21, 2025

Meeting 10:00 AM to Noon

Lunch Included

Rolling Hills Zoo

Conference Center

625 N Hedville Road, Salina, KS

Please RSVP by calling the Salina Office
at (785)-309-5850 or use the QR code.

Featured Speakers:

Romulo Lollato

Extension Wheat Specialist

Kelsey Anderson Onofre

Extension Wheat Pathologist

Allan Fritz

KSU Wheat Breeder

Registration QR Code



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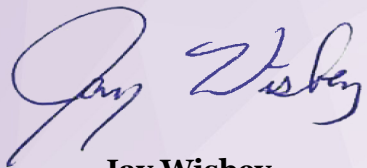
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