June 17 Meeting To Focus On Meat Processing In Eastern Kansas

Kansas farmers, ranchers, meat processors and economic development personnel are invited to join Lake Region RC&D and the Kansas Rural Center on Tuesday, June 17, for a dialogue focused on the needs and opportunities for USDA-certified meat processing facilities and food hub development in Eastern Kansas.

The meeting is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Franklin County Annex, 1416 S. Main, Ottawa, from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Speakers will provide information about local food markets opportunities for meats; business entities and planning; and potential funding sources for processing and storage facilities. Results of the just-released Douglas County Food Hub Feasibility Study will be presented by Eileen Horn, sustainability coordinator for Douglas County.

For more information, please visit <u>http://kansasruralcenter.org/calendar/</u> or contact Heather McPeek, project coordinator, Lake Region RC&D <u>heather.mcpeek@lakeregionrcd.org</u>, (785) 242-2073.

Lake Region RC&D is a non-profit organization dedicated to regional conservation and development in Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami and Osage counties.

The Kansas Rural Center is a non-profit organization that since 1979 has promoted the long-term health of the land and its people through research, education and advocacy that advances economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming systems.