

Regional Farmers' Market Workshops Scheduled

The Kansas Department of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension will host six regional workshops in February 2020 to assist farmers' market vendors and managers. Kansas farmers' markets not only provide a fresh food source, but also stimulate the local economy. In 2019, 57 farmers' markets were registered with KDA's Central Registration of Farmers' Markets.

Workshop topics will vary slightly by location. Main topics include:

- Double Up Food Bucks Program and Accepting EBT
- Food Safety and Regulations on Selling Meat, Eggs and Poultry
- Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Certified Farmer Training
- Marketing Tips
- Produce Grower Panel

KDA's weights and measures program will also offer free scale certification at the workshops for attendees.

Dates and locations for the Farmers' Market events are as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 1 — Iola: Allen Community College

Saturday, Feb. 8 — Wichita: Sedgwick County Extension Office

Friday, Feb. 21 — Olathe: KSU Olathe

Saturday, Feb. 22 — Hiawatha: Fisher Center

Friday, Feb. 28 — Beloit: Beloit First Christian Church

Saturday, Feb. 29 — Leoti: Wichita County Community Building

Registration for the February workshops is now open. The cost is \$20 per participant to cover the cost of lunch. Lunch will only be guaranteed to those participants who register prior to the respective workshop date. Registration for the workshops can be found at FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMworkshop or at local extension offices.

Onsite registration for the workshops will open at 8:30 a.m. and the workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. The Wichita workshop will begin onsite registration at 8:15 a.m. and the workshop begins at 8:45 a.m., concluding at 4:30 p.m.

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