







### SHOP KANSAS S FARMS

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Shop from a wide variety of products
from local Kansas growers!







This year, Shop Kansas Farms (SKF) continued to grow as a powerful platform connecting Kansans with the farmers, ranchers and makers who feed our communities. From two successful Market of Farms, two growing Harvest Hubs, a national presence in D.C. and expanded outreach, we celebrated local food, rural entrepreneurship and the spirit of Kansas agriculture in 2025.

#### MARKET OF FARMS

In March, Douglas County Farm Bureau sponsored a Market of Farms in Lawrence with

at least 600 people shopping directly from 20 Kansas vendors. Jeff Jones of Jones Premium Beef in Seneca said he gained more than 100 new customers that day.

In October, more than 20 vendors connected with at least 1,000 consumers at the SkyLofts at the Heritage in Andover.

The next Market of Farms will be March 28 in Douglas County, again sponsored by Douglas County Farm Bureau. Mark your calendar now and plan to stock up on Kansas-grown products.



#### GREAT AMERICAN FARMERS MARKET

Kansas growers were on the national stage when SKF attended the Great American Farmers Market in D.C. in August. Beef, jam, honey, coffee and pepper jelly were front and center at the booth.

"We're so grateful we had the opportunity to showcase Shop Kansas Farms and a few of the incredible products grown in our state," says Kylee Stout, SKF business development manager. "In addition to engaging with U.S. Department of Agriculture leaders, we were able to provide national exposure for SKF and showcase just some of the high-quality food we produce in Kansas."



### SHOPPING AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR

Shop Kansas Farms vendors also had the opportunity to get in front of consumers at this year's Kansas State Fair when they rented booth space with Kansas Farm Bureau. More than eight vendors connected with State Fair visitors over the 10-day festival.

With your help, we continue to grow in our online community, now reaching more than 170,000 fans.

Shop Kansas Farms remains a vibrant hub for buying local, eating fresh and building stronger rural economies. Here's to an even more connected and impactful 2026!







The Border Queen Harvest Hub (BQHH) in Caldwell had a tremendous year of growth.

In February, Jen Kern was hired as its executive director. Kern was born and raised in Caldwell and was looking for a new experience after retiring from education.

"With 32 years of experience as an educator and administrator in public education, I have dedicated my career to serving communities and fostering growth," Kern says. "Now, as the executive director of the Border Queen Harvest Hub, I am excited to support local farmers by connecting them with opportunities to sell their produce locally."



Jill Kuehny, KanOkla CEO; Jen Kern, Border Queen Harvest Hub executive director; and Kylee Stout and Rick McNary of Shop Kansas Farms, were recipients of the 2025 Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year Award in Economic Development.

The Hub saw a 46 percent growth in new farms added to the website, www. borderqueenharvesthub.com, and now includes 160 growers from Butler, Cowley, Harper, Kingman and Sumner counties along with farms in Oklahoma.

The Hub also boasts a brand-new commercial kitchen in Caldwell that was funded in part from a K-State 105 grant along with monies from Sumner County Economic Development and Shop Kansas Farms. BQHH members receive discounted pricing on the kitchen, which also offers classes on canning, baking and milling.

BQHH was also one of seven entities to be honored by K-State's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development as the 2025 Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year in economic development.

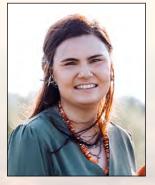
To stay up to date on BQHH happenings, join the Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/borderqueenharvesthub.





# SEDGWICK COUNTY HARVEST HUB

The Sedgwick County Harvest Hub (SCHH) connects local farmers, ranchers and food growers with consumers who value fresh, Kansas-grown products. Through our programs and the Border Queen Commercial Kitchen, we help strengthen our local food system by supporting small producers, promoting farm-to-table access and building community connections around local agriculture. Whether you're looking to buy local, sell local or learn new skills through our educational classes, the Harvest Hub is your go-to resource for all things local food in south-central Kansas.



Renee Elpers is leading the charge in Sedgwick County. She grew up on a family farm near Cheney, which is where she developed a strong understanding of what it takes to grow food. She received her bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University. Prior to joining the SCHH, Elpers worked for the National Resources Conservation Service, National Western Stock Show and the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association. In addition to her role at SCHH, Elpers is pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

"I'm eager to help the Sedgwick County Harvest Hub connect farmers and consumers," Elpers says. "I'm most excited about helping, whether it's developing a new income stream for a farmer or seeing the education that comes from growers and consumers interacting with each other."

































