

# Kansas Beginning Farmers' Coalition

The first meeting of the Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition will be held in conjunction with the Kansas Farmers Union Annual Meeting on Nov. 30 and Dec.1 in Topeka, Kan. at the Downtown Ramada.

Organizers of the Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition have seen a need for a group that supports young and beginning farmers in produce and niche markets.

The Coalition hopes to serve this group of farmers by providing education and network opportunities and be an advocate for local food in Kansas.

Friday, Nov. 30 will feature three current beginning farmers, who will share their stories. We will also get done to the "nuts and bolts" of things and find out what our Mission will be and how the organization can help everyone involved.

Saturday, Dec. 1 will be a time for everyone to get together and brainstorm on the Coalition at 2:30pm. In the morning we will join the KFU Convention for the Little Rural Brainstorm for Farm Communities from 9-11:30am. That evening we will gather for a social time and to discuss things more over dinner in Topeka.

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## KBFC/KFU Meeting Schedule

### Friday, Nov. 30

**Noon** - Lunch - Madison Room

**12:45 pm** - Kansas Co-op History - Madison

NFU Historian Tom Giessel

KFU Intern Syndee Adam

Charles Gabehart, Nemaha County Co-op

**2 pm** - **Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition meeting - Parlor B - Mission and Definition - Stories from beginning farmers**

**6 pm** - Salute to Veterans Banquet

- Grand Ballroom

Speaker: Charles Chauncey, U.S. Army Air Corps B-29 combat pilot and Distinguished Flying Cross recipient

### Saturday, Dec. 1

**9:15 - 11:30 am** - Little Rural Brainstorm for Farm Communities with Marci Penner

**Noon** - Convention Banquet

**1:30 pm** - Pamela Karg via Skype from Armenia: Co-ops and Farmer to Farmer Programs Around the World

**2:45 pm** - **Kansas Beginning Farmers Coalition meeting - Parlor B - Brainstorm on what the Coalition should be**

**4 pm** - Dr. Feddema - Climate Patterns in Kansas: What are the trends and where do we go from here?

**6 pm** - Evening Social and Supper - Location TBD