



# Doniphan County

## Agriculture & Natural Resources News

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### Upcoming Private Pesticide Applicator Changes in January 2025

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Please consider checking and re-certifying your private pesticide applicator certification by December 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be updates to how this examination will be conducted at local K-State Extension Offices beginning in 2025. This is due to the objectives outlined in the Kansas house bill 2607, which was approved by the legislature earlier this year. Beginning in January 2025, there will be no longer be an open book examination option available to private pesticide applicators. The three options in order to be certified will be:

- Closed-book examination (still offered at your local extension office, but there will be new rules, which need to followed)
- Attend an in-person training to obtain certification
- Complete online training

There will be more information to follow this update on how the in-person and online trainings will be conducted. These certifications remain usable for 5 years until expiration. Again, this is only for private pesticide applicator licensing that will remain being conducted at your local extension office. If you need help determining your private pesticide applicator certification id number or

expiration date, you may contact the Doniphan County Extension Office for help using the Kansas Department of Agriculture's applicator database online at: <https://www.agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/pesticide-and-fertilizer/searchable-databases>

For questions or more information, please contact the Doniphan County Extension Office at (785) 985 3623. If you are needing certification for 2024, please call ahead to check with the upcoming holidays, and allow 2-3 hours to take the exam.

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### Upcoming event in Highland, Kansas: A Succession Planning Series Event - January 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, February 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2025

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Succession planning for farmers and their families is vital, but it's also a complicated process. This four-part farm succession planning workshop series is produced through a partnership by extension professionals at Kansas State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Purdue University. Each session will be held at in-person sites across Kansas, Nebraska, and Indiana. The program will feature a livestreamed keynote presentation and local hands-on activity to motivate participants to create farm succession plans, and facilitate family and business conversations around this vital topic. Sixty-three in-person sites are available across these three states, as well as a fully-online version of the program.



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This January, Doniphan and Brown County Extension offices will be co-hosting this four-night Farm Succession Planning Series at the Highland Community College – Clifford W Hawk Ag Center on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, and Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, with the program beginning at 5:30 pm to conclude by 8:00 pm.

The program schedule is as follows:

- **January 21, 2025:** Motivation for Succession Planning - A Personal Story
- **January 28, 2025:** Family Communication around Estate and Transition Planning - Ashlee Westerhold and LaVell Winsor, K-State Ag Economics
- **February 4, 2025:** Financial Aspects of Estate and Transition Plans - Jessica Groskopf, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension
- **February 11, 2025:** Legal Aspects of Putting Your Plan into Place - Holly Dobbs, Esq., Dobbs & Folz, LLC

Please register by **January 13<sup>th</sup>**, as this series costs \$60 which includes all in person site meals, and a workbook. The fee will be collected at the HCC Clifford W Hawk Ag Center on the first night of the program. Registration after January 13<sup>th</sup>, will cost \$75. In-person participation is highly encouraged, if at all possible. Please bring your notes and questions as there will be time to after each evening's presentation for discussion.

Please contact Katharine Sharp at the Doniphan County Extension Office for questions or assistance registering for this event at (785) 985 3623, or 105 S Liberty Street Troy, KS 66087. You may also register online for either in-person or online formats via this link: <https://www.agmanager.info/events/leaving-lasting-legacy-midwestern-farm-women>.



### Hay Inventory Calculators

K-State Department of Agricultural Economics

Check out this new hay inventory calculator tool from the K-State Dept of Ag Economics. There are two types, a basic calculator which is web based, and an advanced calculator which is spreadsheet based. Click on the link to access the calculator for your own operation:

<https://agmanager.info/hay-inventory-calculator>

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